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RPDPS Officers:

Officer D. Wattson

Officer S. Huot

Suspects:

Branch Christopher Wroth

5-12-17 @ 1511 hrs.
6298 Redwood Drive
Rohnert Park, CA 94928
Budget Inn Motel [redacted]

Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety Copy

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Det. Jesse Hanshew #1627
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Case Summary Associated with the Death of:
Branch Christopher Wroth D.O.B. 12/16/1975
Budget Inn [redacted]
6298 Redwood Drive
Rohnert Park, CA 94928

Introduction:

On the afternoon of May 12th, 2017, Branch Christopher Wroth died after being taken into custody by officers employed by the Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety. As a result, the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office would invoke the Sonoma County Law Enforcement Employee-Involved Fatal Incident Protocol (#93-1).

The purpose of this protocol is to set forth procedures and guidelines to be used by Sonoma County law enforcement agencies in the criminal investigation of specifically defined incidents involving law enforcement employees. Accordingly, and per the Sonoma County Law Enforcement Employee-Involved Fatal Incident Protocol (#93-1), members of the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office Violent Crime Investigations Unit assumed responsibility as the lead investigative entity for this critical incident investigation. As a result, I was assigned as the lead detective in this case. Additionally, members of the Sonoma County District Attorney's Office were also assigned to participate in this investigation.

The Sonoma County Sheriff's Office Violent Crime Investigations Unit is charged with the overall responsibility for supervising, coordinating, and conducting the criminal investigation associated with Wroth's death. As such, the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office Violent Crime Investigations Unit has attempted, during the course of this investigation, to identify facts to demonstrate whether or not violations of criminal law have occurred during the incident associated with Wroth's death.

Summary of Facts:

The following is a summary of facts intended to assist the reader in understanding this report and its conclusions. It is not a substitute for the volumes of reports, interviews, and other evidence from which it is derived.

This summary of fact is a factual account of the incident where conclusions are drawn after careful review and consideration of physical evidence, review of misc. documents, body-worn-camera (hereinafter referred to as BWC) recordings, CCTV surveillance video, and after post-incident interviews of Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety (hereinafter referred to as RPDPS) officers, RPDPS fire personnel, personnel form American Medical Response (hereinafter referred to AMR), Budget Inn employees, as well as other individuals.

NOTE: During the course of this investigation, involved parties would estimate their times when referencing the incident or portions thereof. Some of the time estimates differed with other involved parties. However, although the time estimates varied, they were plausible.

Wroth was born on December 16th, 1975, in the City of San Francisco, CA, and is the son to [redacted] At the time of his death, Wroth was approx. 6'-0" tall, approx. 238.5 pounds, with blonde hair and brown eyes.

According to jail documents which were generated after his most recent arrest [redacted], I learned Wroth was unemployed and did not provide the arresting officer (Petaluma Police Officer Schingler) with a person to contact in the event of an emergency. However, previous arrest records do reference emergency contacts, specifically, his father [redacted] and his mother [redacted].

Wroth had an extensive criminal history as depicted in his California record of arrest and prosecution (RAP) [redacted]

As a matter of fact, Wroth's criminality spans just shy of eighteen (18) years to December, 1999. This resulted in Wroth having a ten (10) page California criminal record of arrest and prosecution (RAP).

At the time of his most recent arrest [redacted], Wroth was on active Sonoma County Probation [redacted] The court-ordered terms of Wroth's probation related to this case [redacted] were that he be of good conduct and obey all laws and stay away from [redacted]

Additionally, Wroth was on active Sonoma County Probation related to him [redacted] The court-ordered terms of Wroth's probation related to this case [redacted] was that he be of good conduct and obey all laws, submit to warrantless search and seizure of his person, property, or vehicle any time of day or night, submit to warrantless search and seizure of his residence anytime day or reasonable hour of night by law enforcement, submit to random chemical test, do not possess or use any alcohol, do not possess or use controlled substances or associated paraphernalia without valid prescription, do not commit criminal offense or refuse blood alcohol test or drive with any measurable amount of alcohol in his blood, and do not drive without a California driver's license and insurance in effect.

Wroth's probation terms related to [redacted] were summarily revoked on 5-10-17. As a result, Sonoma County Superior Court Judge, the Honorable V. Marcoida issued a bench warrant [redacted] for Wroth's arrest [redacted] Ultimately, on May 12th, 2017, this would be the outstanding arrest warrant in which officers with the Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety would try to take Wroth into custody for.

Wroth's probation conditions related to [redacted] would have concluded on April 5th, 2018, while his probation conditions related to [redacted] would have concluded on May 10th, 2017. As such, Wroth was subject to arrest and re-imprisonment for violations of law or violations of any of the terms of his probation as set forth by the court.

Branch Wroth's Arrival at the Budget Inn:

Sometime before 2000 hours on the evening of May 11th, 2017, Wroth arrived at the Rodeway Inn located at 6288 Redwood Drive in the City of Rohnert Park. There, Wroth contacted a Rodeway Inn employee, [redacted] At the time, Wroth inquired about renting a Rodeway Inn room. However, [redacted] turned Wroth away due to the fact that he did not have identification or a credit card. Still [redacted] suggested Wroth go next door to the Budget Inn, where they would most likely be able to rent a room for cash. A short time later, Wroth left the Rodeway Inn.

On May 11th, 2017, at approximately 2001 hrs., Wroth entered the Budge Inn located just west of the Rodeway Inn, located at 6298 Redwood Drive in the City of Rohnert Park. There, Wroth contacted Budget Inn employee and front desk clerk, [redacted] Wroth inquired about renting a Budget Inn motel room for the evening, before presenting [redacted] with a paper DMV document. At the time, [redacted] agreed to rent Wroth a motel room [redacted] for the evening after he paid $90.00 in cash.

On May 11th, 2017, at approximately 2008 hrs., Wroth is captured by Budget Inn CCTV surveillance video entering room [redacted] Upon entering his motel room, Wroth can be seen wearing a red baseball cap, black short sleeved shirt (have a design on the front), grey loose fitting pants, and black/white sneakers. Over Wroth's right shoulder is a strap attached to a dark colored gym bag (with white trim). Wroth also appears to be in possession of a motel room key in his right hand, while carrying a newspaper and other misc. items in his left hand.

According to Budget Inn CCTV surveillance video and after entering room [redacted] Wroth is never captured exiting Budget Inn room [redacted] nor was anyone ever seen entering his room.

Events Leading Up to the Critical Incident:

On May 12th, 2017, at approximately 1100 hrs., Budget Inn housekeeper, [redacted] knocked on Wroth's motel room door [redacted] which she was scheduled to clean. According to [redacted], a person (later found to be Wroth) replied, "10 minutes."

On May 12th, 2017, at approximately 1345 hrs., [redacted] returned to Budget Inn room [redacted] At that time, [redacted] could see a backpack on the bed so she didn't knock. According to [redacted] she traveled to the Budget Inn front desk to tell the person working there (believed to be [redacted] that he tenant in room [redacted] had not yet vacated the room.

Ultimately, [redacted] finished cleaning Budget Inn motel rooms [redacted] and [redacted] while the front desk employee tried to get Wroth to vacate room [redacted]. Shortly thereafter, [redacted] returned to the front desk to see if Wroth had vacated room [redacted] or if he was staying because she had to go home. The Budget Inn front desk employee told [redacted] that security was on their way to evict Wroth from room [redacted] and asked her to remain on site for approximately twenty (20) additional minutes to clean his (Wroth's) room.

According to [redacted], she waited three or four (3-4) rooms away from room [redacted] which she describes as being on the upper level and on the back side of the motel complex. According to [redacted] two (2) security guards later arrived and opened the front door of room [redacted] could hear the security guards conversing in English, which she didn't completely understand. [redacted] could, however, hear them saying Wroth had to leave the motel due to the fact that he hadn't paid.

[redacted] described Wroth as being aggressive and yelling. [redacted] could hear Wroth saying something to the effect of it being his room and for them (the security guards) to respect his room, while they remained outside the motel room with the door open. [redacted] estimated she was upstairs waiting for approximately fifteen (15) minutes, beginning at approximately 1445 hours before leaving and returning to the front lobby at approximately 1500 hrs.

According to [redacted], upon leaving the security guards remained outside of room [redacted] assumed the security guards were waiting for police to arrive.

According to the Budget Inn desk clerk, [redacted] on the morning of May 12th, 2017, housekeeping went to room [redacted] and found the occupant (later found to be Wroth) had not yet checked out of the motel. [redacted] went to room [redacted] and contacted Wroth who asked for more time before checking out. According to [redacted], approximately an hour later at 1330 hours (on May 12th, 2017), housekeeping went to room [redacted] and found Wroth still inside the room.

[redacted] spoke to Wroth again. At that time, Wroth asked for ten (10) additional minutes. [redacted] went to room [redacted] and told Wroth to either leave or pay for an additional night, or he would be forced to contacted motel security. [redacted] noticed that Wroth was not wearing any clothes as he talked to him through the window of the room.

Wroth told [redacted] he needed to think about it. A short time later [redacted] called security because Wroth had not vacated the room or paid for an additional night.

On the afternoon of May 12th, 2017 at approximately 1447 hrs., security guards, [redacted] and [redacted] arrived at Wroth's motel room [redacted] to evict Wroth from his motel room and for what [redacted] described as a subject "acting strangely." After arriving, both men made contact with Wroth who had remained in Budget Inn motel room [redacted]

During the next thirty (30) minutes, [redacted] and [redacted] would remain in contact with Wroth who remained inside his motel room. During that contact, [redacted] would describe Wroth as appearing "disoriented," while [redacted] would describe Wroth as being naked and that Wroth did not appear to him to be in a "clear state of mind." [redacted] would later clarify his statement to RPDPS Officer Hartnett by explaining that Wroth "did not know where he was at, he was tearing apart his clothes, eating his clothes, didn't answer questions right, though things were out to get him." As a result, [redacted] called for police assistance.

On May 12th, 2017, at approximately 1517 hrs., RPDPS Officer D. Wattson arrived at Wroth's motel room [redacted] and encountered him inside. At the time, Wroth was shirtless, not wearing underwear, pulling up his dark colored pants (with his genitalia exposed), and standing on the west side of the motel room bed.

Inside Budget Inn room [redacted] Officer Wattson began a dialogue with Wroth before asking, "What's going on partner?" Wroth replied, [redacted] Officer Wattson then asked Wroth to "take a seat." Wroth complied by moving toward the west edge of the motel room bed. As Wroth did so, he began ripping his shirt by pulling it apart using his hands. And, from time-to-time Wroth can be seen coughing.

As the dialogue continued, Wroth told Officer Wattson that [redacted] Wattson would continue to converse with Wroth before asking him for his name and date of birth. Wroth provided Officer Wattson with his name, while breathing deeply. And, while responding to the question about his date of birth, Wroth appeared to have difficulty answering the question, as if he had forgotten.

Officer Wattson ran Wroth for wants/warrants. As this was occurring, Wroth remained seated on the west edge of the motel room bed. Moments later, however, Wroth started to again rip the shirt he was holding, before using his teeth to assist in that effort. Officer Wattson then asked Wroth why it was that he was ripping up his shirt. Wroth replied, [redacted]

As their conversation continued, Officer Wattson asked Wroth, [redacted] Officer Wattson then asked Wroth if he knew what city he was located in. Wroth replied, "Yeah, PR…yep…" Officer Wattson asked, "Where's that?" Wroth replied, "Rohnert Park."

Wroth would continue by telling Officer Wattson that he arrived at the Budget Inn Motel the previous day (on May 11th, 2017) and that he had recently been residing with his best-friend and Sebastopol resident, [redacted]

As the contact with Wroth continued, Wroth appeared to be breathing deeply and licking his lips. About that time, Wroth said, [redacted] …all I wanted is some group of individuals to actually come and talk

to me." Wroth continued, "And, you know, I just wanted to have a place in…in…you know…" Shortly thereafter, Wroth stops talking and begins to look at the ground.

On May 12th, 2017, at approximately 1524 hrs., Officer Wattson verbally notified Wroth that he had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. Wroth replied, "No I don't." Officer Wattson then tells Wroth that he would have to "come with me" to inquire if the outstanding warrant was "citable or not." Wroth replied, "O.K." Officer Wattson further explained to Wroth that he would have to inquire if he was able to issue him a "ticket" or not and that it would be "super easy." Wroth does not answer, before looking at the ground.

For the next several moments, Officer Wattson attempts to persuade Wroth to put his pants on, but he appears to be having difficulty. Wroth then appeared to become worried before telling Officer Wattson that he did not want to wear his pants because [redacted] Officer Wattson then asked Wroth if he had any other pants he could wear. Wroth began looking for something, but soon told Officer Wattson that he did not have any other pants he could wear.

Officer Wattson told Wroth that he did not want him to be exposed and indicated that he would have to wear the pants he was in possession of. Worried, Wroth told Officer Wattson, [redacted] Officer Wattson explained to Wroth that the pants he was wearing were all that he had to wear, before asking him to stand-up, and button the pants.

On May 12th, 2017, at approximately 1526 hrs., Wroth became silent. Wroth then crossed his arms across his chest, while taking deep breaths. Moments later, Wroth stood up and was still taking deep breathes. Once standing, Wroth looked up at the ceiling of the motel room before trying to secure his pants. Wroth then sat back down on the bed before saying, [redacted]

Officer Wattson explained to Wroth that he needed to cover himself up before asking him to stand-up, and place his hands behind his back so that Wroth could be placed into handcuffs. Wroth said, "I'll do it…I'll do it." Wroth then said, "I just…what insurance do I have?" Officer Wattson replied, "I don't know…I don't deal in…in insurance." Wroth then continued to manipulate his pants while periodically coughing and breathing deeply. All the while, Wroth appeared to have difficulty putting on his pants.

On May 12th, 2017, at approximately 1526-1529 hrs., RPDPS Officer S. Huot arrived on scene, but is initially motioned (by Officer Wattson) to remain back or outside Wroth's motel room. Approximately one (1) minute later, Officer S. Huot would enter Wroth's motel room. It was then that Wroth noticed Officer S. Huot enter his motel room.

On May 12th, 2017, at approx. 1530 hrs., Wroth stood-up without his pants on, causing his genitalia to be exposed. As he did so, Officer Wattson informed Wroth that he would be placing him into handcuffs. Officer Wattson found himself on Wroth's left side, while Officer S. Huot was on Wroth's right.

On May 12th, 2017, at approximately 1530 hrs., Wroth is captured on both Officer Wattson's and Officer S. Huot's BWC saying, "Please don't" before he begins to resist their attempts to take him into custody pursuant to his outstanding arrest warrant. As a result, a violent standing and ground

struggle began between Wroth and both RPDPS officers while attempting to gain Wroth's compliance and take him into custody.

On May 12th, 2017, at approximately 1533 hrs., Wroth is handcuffed and taken into custody while lying in the prone position on his motel room floor. At the time, Wroth is captured by RPDPS supervisor, Sgt. E. Matzen's BWC lying face down, wearing a dark colored shirt, his buttocks exposed, his head is pointing southbound (toward Rohnert Park Expressway), and his feet pointing to the north (toward Santa Rosa). As a matter of fact, Wroth's body is adjacent to the west motel room wall, near the motel room air conditioner. About that same time, RPDPS Officer M. Werle requested (via his police radio) for fire/paramedics to respond to the motel room "Code-3" (lights & sirens).

On May 12th, 2017, at approximately 1534 hrs., Wroth can be heard saying, "I can't breathe," while continuing to yell. Moments later, someone responds, "You can breathe."

On May 12th, 2017, at approximately 1534 hrs., RPDPS supervisor, Sgt. E. Matzen's BWC captured Officer M. Huot remove his left knee from Wroth's back, but continue to hold him down via his left hand. As that occurred, it appeared to me that Wroth's head was free to move about.

On May 12th, 2017, at approximately 1534 hrs., RPDPS supervisor, Sgt. Matzen's BWC captured Wroth's hands moving, specifically, grasping one another. Wroth can also be seen moving his body.

On May 12th, 2017, at approximately 1535 hrs., RPDPS supervisor, Sgt. Matzen's BWC captured Wroth's right hand open completely, exposing the palm. Moments later, Wroth's left hand grasps his right hand as someone asks if they should try moving his body away from the wall toward the bed.

On May 12th, 2017, at approximately 1535 hrs., RPDPS Officer M. Werle directs other RPDPS officers to "Check him…check him" (referring to Wroth). Officer Werle continues by saying, "Check his face…check his face." RPDPS Officer M. Huot responds, "He's not breathing" (referring to Wroth).

Immediately after RPDPS Officer M. Huot indicated Wroth was not breathing medical aid was provided via RPDPS fire personal who were already standing in the motel room. Additionally, Wroth [redacted]

On May 12th, 2017, at approximately 1538 hrs., American Medical Response/Sonoma Life Support ambulance #761 arrived on scene

On May 12th, 2017, at approximately 1540 hrs., AMR medical personnel arrived at Wroth side.

On May 12th, 2017, at approximately 1600 hrs, Wroth was pronounced dead at the scene.

Post-Mortem Examination of Branch Christopher Wroth:

On the morning of May 17th, 2017, a post-mortem exam (autopsy) was performed on Wroth's body by Forensic Pathologist, Dr. A. Josselson and Forensic Pathologist's Assistant, C. Garcia. All of which was recorded via an audio/video recording device.

On May 17th, 2017, approximately 1330-1135 hrs., Dr. Josselson concluded Wroth's autopsy. In speaking with Dr. Josselson after he concluded Wroth's autopsy he indicated Wroth's urine tested presumptively positive for methamphetamine and THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol) and his heart was slightly enlarged.

After the post-mortem examination of Wroth's body, his brain was sent to Doctor Bennet I. Omalu for examination. In summary, Dr. Omalu is an Anatomic Pathologist, Clinical Pathologist, Forensic Pathologist, Neuropathologist, Epidemiologist, and Clinical Professor of Medical Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, University of California, Davis (UC Davis). Dr. Omalu is also the Chief Medical Examiner in San Joaquin County (CA), Co-Founder, TauMark, Inc., Better Brain Diagnostics, and Founder of Bennet Omalu Pathology (BOP), Inc.

Conclusion:

This criminal investigation will be forwarded to the Sonoma County District Attorney's Office for review.

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COUNTY OF SONOMA

CRIMINAL DOCKET

OTH, BRANCH CHRISTOPHER	SCR-701055 PBK-0921285 PET-171624		
DLN:	CA [redacted]	DOB:	12/16/1975
Box Number:		Offense Date:	4/1/2017
Arresting Agy:	PETALUMA POLICE DEPARTMENT	DA Location:	

Filed Charges	
M PC 602(m) Convicted	

4/1/2017	ADDED TO CALENDAR BY JAIL - 04/04/2017 at 1:30pm 9, ON VIEW
4/4/2017	---------- Courtroom Minutes in 9 ---------- Judge: Robert M. LaForge / District Attorney: Brian J Kandel / Reporter: C A Martinez / Clerk: E. McKinney Defendant present in custody Complaint filed M PC 602(m) Bail set at $5000 CONTINUED TO - 04/05/2017 at 8:30am 6, ARRAIGNMENT Original minutes transmitted to jail on 4/04/2017 at 13:58
4/5/2017	---------- Courtroom Minutes in 6 ---------- Judge: Virginia G. Marcoida / District Attorney: David Kim / Clerk: J. Campos Defendant present in custody Counsel M. Coughlin, Public Defender, appearing Public Defender appointed Pay $50 Public Defender Registration Fee Defense provided with copy of complaint Defendant provided with copy of report Stipulates to arraignment Defendant waives reading of Complaint Defendant waives advisement of Constitutional rights Defendant pleads Nolo Contendere to count I PC 602(m) CONVICTED TO COUNT I PC 602(m) Defendant Advised of Maximum Penalties Defendant advised of Future Consequences Defendant understands and waives each right Defense Counsel joins in Waiver of rights Court finds Defendant knowingly, intelligently, freely and voluntarily waives rights Court finds Defendant guilty Defendant waives time for sentencing No legal cause why judgment should not be pronounced Imposition of sentence suspended Conditional Sentence Granted 12 Month(s) Be of good conduct and obey all laws Stay away from [redacted]. Petaluma Stay at least 50 feet away from Petaluma treatment water facility Restitution Fine of $150 pursuant to Penal Code 1202.4(b) $150 Restitution fine per 1202.44 PC, suspended unless Probation is revoked Fine of $70 as to Count 1 Fine payable at $35 month, beginning 05/01/2017 plus processing fee Fine payable thru Clerk's Office Original minutes transmitted to jail on 4/05/2017 at 10:01 Sentenced to serve 15 days in Jail, 10 days credit for time served ((5+5)), forthwith. Revised minutes transmitted to jail on 4/05/2017 at 10:02
4/6/2017	AUTOMATED 8715 REPORT ISSUED

COUNTY OF SONOMA

CRIMINAL DOCKET

OTH, BRANCH CHRISTOPHER		SCR-644058 DAR-676862 CHP-RS37668	
DLN:	CA [redacted]	DOB:	12/16/1975
Box Number:		Offense Date:	12/21/2013
Arresting Agy:	CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL	DA Location:	216815

Filed Charges			
M BP 4060	Dismissed	M HS 11357(a)	Convicted
M VC 14601.1(a)	Dismissed	M VC 23152(a)	Dismissed
M VC 23152(b)	Convicted	x VC 23538(b)(2)	2 Counts Stricken

12/21/2013	ADDED TO CALENDAR BY JAIL - 12/24/2013 at 8:30am 6, ON VIEW
12/23/2013	MOVED TO - 12/24/2013 at 10:30am 2, ON VIEW
12/24/2013	---------- Courtroom Minutes in 2 ---------- Judge: Shelly J Averill / District Attorney: Daniel H Cohan / Reporter: Barrie Hart / Clerk: I. DuBeau Defendant present in custody Probation Officer R. Ortiz present Complaint/Information not filed, continued for filing Release from Custody CONTINUED TO - 02/20/2014 at 8:30am 6, RE:COMPLAINT OR DISCHARGE
9/2014	Complaint filed M VC 23152(a) ; M HS 11357(a) ; M BP 4060 ; M VC 23152(b) ; M VC 14601.1(a)
2/20/2014	---------- Courtroom Minutes in 6 ---------- Judge: Anthony Wheeldin / District Attorney: Matt Hubley / Clerk: E. Osborn Defendant present Defendant informed of Right to Counsel Counsel S. Grenfell, Public Defender, appearing Public Defender appointed Pay $50 Public Defender Registration Fee Defense provided with copy of complaint Defendant provided with copy of report Stipulates to arraignment Defendant advised of constitutional rights Defendant waives reading of Complaint Defendant waives advisement of Constitutional rights People request SOR Motion for Supervised OR Denied Motion for release on Own Recognizance Granted Conditions of OR attached. Attend daily self help meetings Defendant does not waive time 45th day is 4/7/2014 Defendant pleads Not Guilty to count I VC 23152(a) Defendant pleads Not Guilty to count II VC 23152(b) Defendant pleads Not Guilty to count III VC 14601.1(a) Defendant pleads Not Guilty to count IV BP 4060 Defendant pleads Not Guilty to count V HS 11357(a) Settlement Conference Set - 03/13/2014 at 8:30am 6, SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

/2014	---------- Courtroom Minutes in 6 ---------- Judge: L.G. ANTOLINI / District Attorney: Dustin Hughson / Clerk: E. Osborn Defendant present Counsel M. McGuire, Public Defender, appearing Defendant waives time Settlement Conference Held CONTINUED TO - 04/14/2014 at 8:30am 6, POSSIBLE DISPOSITION
4/14/2014	---------- Courtroom Minutes in 6 ---------- Judge: Larry Ornell / District Attorney: Matt Hubley / Clerk: E. Osborn Defendant present Counsel M. McGuire, Public Defender, appearing Defendant Advised of Maximum Penalties Defendant advised of Future Consequences Readiness Conference Set - 06/03/2014 at 10:00am 6, READINESS CONFERENCE Jury Trial Set - 06/06/2014 at 10:30am 6, JURY TRIAL Count IV BP 4060 Dismissed, People's Motion

'2014	---------- Courtroom Minutes in 6 ---------- Judge: Larry Ornell / District Attorney: Andrew Lukas / Clerk: E. Osborn Defendant present Counsel M. McGuirre, Public Defender, appearing Defendant Advised of Maximum Penalties Defendant advised of Future Consequences Defendant understands and waives each right Defense Counsel joins in Waiver of rights Tahl Waiver filed Count I VC 23152(a) Dismissed Enhancement to count I VC 23538(b)(2) stricken Defendant withdraws plea of not guilty and enters plea of NO CONTEST to count II VC 23152(b) CONVICTED TO COUNT II VC 23152(b) Enhancement to count II VC 23538(b)(2) stricken Count III VC 14601.1(a) Dismissed Defendant withdraws plea of not guilty and enters plea of NO CONTEST to count V HS 11357(a) CONVICTED TO COUNT V HS 11357(a) Court finds Defendant guilty Defendant waives time for sentencing Readiness Conference Held DROPPED FROM CALENDAR - 06/06/2014 at 10:30am 6 No legal cause why judgment should not be pronounced Imposition of sentence suspended Conditional Sentence Granted 36 Month(s) Be of good conduct and obey all laws Defendant to submit to warrantless search and seizure of person, property, or vehicle at any time day or night; Submit to warrantless search/seizure of residence anytime day or reasonable hr of night by any Prob or Law Enforc Off. Submit to random chemical tests Do not possess or use any alcohol Not possess or use controlled substances or associated paraphernalia without valid prescription Do not: commit criminal offense, refuse a blood alcohol test, or drive with any measurable amount of alcohol in blood Do not drive without California Driver's License and Insurance in effect Defendant referred to 9 Month First Offender Drinking Driver Program Enroll within 21 days & complete as directed Defendant advised of Interlock conditions & requirements Interlock to be installed for 36 months Restitution Fine of $150 pursuant to Penal Code 1202.4(b) Fine of $2242 as to Count 2 Fine of $00 as to Count 5 Fine payable at $75 month, beginning 07/15/2014 plus processing fee Fine payable thru Clerk's Office Sentenced to serve 75 days in Jail, 8 days credit for time served ((4+4)), stayed until 9/25/2014 at 7:00 PM OR defendant referred to 67 days work release, report by 6/17/2014, enroll within 10 days. Report to North County Detention Facility
6/4/2014	AUTOMATED 8715 REPORT ISSUED
6/5/2014	DMV ABSTRACT REJECTED - DD1
6/12/2014	RE-SEND REJECTED DMV ABSTRACT
'/12/2014	AUTOMATED DL106 SENT TO DMV-SACRAMENTO

2014	---------- In Chambers Minutes in 6 ---------- REQUEST FOR OVER THE COUNTER MODIFICATION Probation Modified All other terms and conditions remain in full force and effect Defendant referred to 9 Month First Offender Drinking Driver Program Enroll within 21 days & complete as directed
9/8/2014	DEF REJECTED BY WORK RELEASE - FAILED TO CONTACT PROGRAM
9/8/2014	SENT MOD 075 Day(s), TURN IN ON 09/25/2014 PER WORK RELEASE
9/25/2014	DEF BOOKED ON 9/25/2014 1919 AS BOOKING # 10112908 TO SERVE SENTENCE
12/8/2014	---------- Courtroom Minutes in 6 ---------- Judge: Larry Ornell / District Attorney: Matt Hubley / Clerk: E. Osborn NO FILE/NO DOCKET Defendant present Violation of Probation Admitted Court finds factual basis for admission Court finds Defendant in violation of probation Defendant waives time for sentencing Probation Summarily Revoked Probation Reinstated Probation Modified All other terms and conditions remain in full force and effect Sentenced to serve 20 days in Jail (for VOP), stayed until 3/26/2015 at 7:00 PM OR defendant referred to 20 days work release, report by 12/22/2014, enroll within 10 days. Report to North County Detention Facility
9/2014	AUTOMATED 8715 SUBSEQUENT ACTION ISSUED
3/11/2015	DEF REJECTED BY WORK RELEASE - FAILED TO CONTACT PROGRAM
3/11/2015	SENT MOD 020 Day(s), TURN IN ON 03/26/2015 PER WORK RELEASE
3/26/2015	DEF BOOKED ON 3/26/2015 1912 AS BOOKING # 10121625 TO SERVE SENTENCE
2/23/2016	---------- In Chambers Minutes in 6 ---------- REQUEST FOR OVER THE COUNTER MODIFICATION Probation Modified All other terms and conditions remain in full force and effect Defendant referred to 9 Month First Offender Drinking Driver Program Enroll within 21 days & complete as directed
3/4/2016	VERIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT IN FODDP PROGRAM FILED 9 MONTH
11/30/2016	FILE TO D6 RE: DUI SCHOOL WARRANT
12/1/2016	FILE RETURNED TO CLERK'S OFFICE
12/6/2016	FAILED TO COMMENCE DUI PROGRAM IN REQUIRED DAYS OR HAD UNEXCUSED ABSENCES
12/6/2016	Bench warrant #5481625 issued in the amount of $5,000 for failure to complete sentence
12/6/2016	Probation Summarily Revoked
1/8/2017	CITE FEE TO APPLY
1/8/2017	ADDED TO CALENDAR BY JAIL - 01/10/2017 at 8:30am 6, WARRANT IN CUSTODYS
1/9/2017	CALENDAR DROPPED BY JAIL - 01/10/2017 at 8:30am 6
0/2017	Warrant #5481625 Recalled Defendant Cited To Appear
1/10/2017	CALENDAR ITEM - 01/30/2017 at 8:30am 6, CTA/WARRANT

COUNTY OF SONOMA

CRIMINAL DOCKET

0/2017	---------- Courtroom Minutes in 6 ---------- Judge: Virginia G. Marcoida / District Attorney: David Kim / Clerk: J. Campos Defendant present Counsel M. Coughlin, Public Defender, appearing Probation Modified Probation Reinstated All other terms and conditions remain in full force and effect Defendant re-referred to 9 Month First Offender Drinking Driver Program Enroll by 3/1/2017 & complete as directed
3/3/2017	---------- In Chambers Minutes in 6 ---------- REQUEST FOR OTC MODIFICATION Probation Modified All other terms and conditions remain in full force and effect Defendant referred to 9 Month First Offender Drinking Driver Program Enroll within 21 days & complete as directed
4/1/2017	CALENDAR ITEM - 04/04/2017 at 1:30pm 9, POSS. VIOLATION OF PROBATION, AT D.A. REQUEST
4/4/2017	---------- Courtroom Minutes in 9 ---------- Judge: Robert M. LaForge / District Attorney: Brian J Kandel / Reporter: C A Martinez / Clerk: E. McKinney Defendant present in custody Bail set at $10,000 Probation Summarily Revoked CONTINUED TO - 04/05/2017 at 8:30am 6, VIOLATION OF PROBATION Original minutes transmitted to jail on 4/04/2017 at 13:58
5/2017	---------- Courtroom Minutes in 6 ---------- Judge: Virginia G. Marcoida / District Attorney: David Kim / Clerk: J. Campos Defendant present in custody Counsel M. Coughlin, Public Defender, appearing Release from Custody Court finds Defendant in violation of probation Defendant waives time for sentencing Probation Reinstated All other terms and conditions remain in full force and effect Original minutes transmitted to jail on 4/05/2017 at 9:58
4/11/2017	VERIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT IN FODDP PROGRAM FILED
5/1/2017	FILE TO D6 RE: DUI SCHOOL WARRANT
5/5/2017	FILE RETURNED TO CLERK'S OFFICE
5/10/2017	FAILED TO COMMENCE DUI PROGRAM IN REQUIRED DAYS OR HAD UNEXCUSED ABSENCES
5/10/2017	Bench warrant #5487682 issued in the amount of $10,000 for failure to complete sentence
5/10/2017	Probation Summarily Revoked

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Incident/Investigation Report

Agency: Sonoma County Sheriff's Department **Case Number:** 170512-027

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Incident Information

Date/Time Reported	Date/Time Occurred	Date/Time Found	Officer
05/12/2017 15:11	05/12/2017 15:11	05/12/2017 15:11	(SD1627) HANSHEW, JESSE J

Incident Location	Supervising Officer
6298 REDWOOD DR Apt [redacted] ROHNERT PARK, CA 94928	(SD1408) MURPHY, SHAWN K

Location Comments
@BUDGET INN

Case Status	Disposition
CLOSED/CLEARED	DEATH OF OFFENDER

Incident Synopsis

Suspect was contacted by RPDPS officers at the Budget Inn in Rohert Park, roon[redacted] During that contact, RPDPS officers tried arresting the suspect for an outstanding warrant for his arrest. During the contact, the suspect died.

Charges

1

Charge Type	Description	Statute	UCR	
State	AGENCY ASSIST	NO	999	☐ Att ☑ Com

Alcohol, Drugs or Computers Used	Location Type	Premises Entered	Forced Entry	Weapons
☐ Alcohol ☐ Drugs ☐ Computers	HOTEL/MOTEL/ETC.		☐ Yes ☐ No	1.

Entry	Exit	Criminal Activity	
			2. 3.

Bias Motivation	Bias Target	Bias Circumstances	Hate Group

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Charge Type	Description	Statute	UCR	
State	FATAL INCIDENT PROTOCOL	NO	99Z	☐ Att ☑ Com

Alcohol, Drugs or Computers Used	Location Type	Premises Entered	Forced Entry	Weapons
☐ Alcohol ☐ Drugs ☐ Computers	HOTEL/MOTEL/ETC.		☐ Yes ☐ No	1.

Entry	Exit	Criminal Activity	
			2. 3.

Bias Motivation	Bias Target	Bias Circumstances	Hate Group

Victims

1

Type	Injuries	Residency Status	Ethnicity
INDIVIDUAL	[redacted]	Resident	Non-Hispanic

Name(Last, First, M)	Race	Sex	DOB	Age
WATTSON, DAVID [RESTRICTED]	W	M		

Address	Cell Phone	Home Phone

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
ROHNERT PARK DPS / 500 CCITY CENTER DR	(707) 584-2600

Victim of Crimes	
NO VIOLATION	

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Victims

Seq. #	Type	Injuries	Residency Status	Ethnicity
2	INDIVIDUAL	[redacted]		

Name(Last, First, M)	Race	Sex	DOB	Age
HUOT, SEAN	W	M		

Address	Cell Phone	Home Phone

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
CITY OF ROHNERT PARK / 500 CITY HALL DRIVE IN ROHNERT PARK, CA	(707) 584-5600

Victim of Crimes	
NO VIOLATION	

Offenders

Seq. #	Type	Name(Last, First, M)
1	INDIVIDUAL	WROTH, BRANCH CHRISTOPHER

AKA	Race	Sex	DOB	Age	Height	Weight
	W	M	[redacted]	41	6'00"	220 lbs

Address	Cell Phone	Home Phone
[redacted]	[redacted]	

mployer Name/Address	Business Phone
UNEMPLOYED /	

Scars, Marks, Tatoos or other distinguishing features
Tattoo/Right/Arm-Tribal Band; Tattoo/Left/Arm-Eagle; Tattoo/Tattoo/Chest-Dragon; Tattoo/Right/Shoulder-Eagle Head

Physical Characteristics
HAIR LENGTH - Short; HAIR STYLE - Straight; HAIR FACIAL - Goatee; HAIR FACIAL - Mustache; APPEAR - Calm

Suspect Details

Witnesses

Seq. #	Name (Last, First, M)	Race	Sex	DOB	Age
2	[redacted]				

Address	Cell Phone	Home Phone
[redacted]		

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
[redacted]	

Witness Type
EYE WITNESS

Witness Notes

Witnesses

Seq. #	Name (Last, First, M)	Race	Sex	DOB	Age
3	MATZEN, ERIC [RESTRICTED]	W	M		

Address	Cell Phone	Home Phone

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
CITY OF ROHNERT PARK / 500 CITY CENTER DR	(707) 584-2600

Witness Type
EYE WITNESS

Witness Notes

Seq. #	Name (Last, First, M)	Race	Sex	DOB	Age
4	HUOT, MATTHEW	W	M		

Address	Cell Phone	Home Phone

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
CITY OF ROHNERT PARK / 500 CITY HALL DRIVE IN ROHNERT PARK, CA	(707) 584-2600

Witness Type
EYE WITNESS

Witness Notes

Seq. #	Name (Last, First, M)	Race	Sex	DOB	Age
5	WERLE, MICHAEL [RESTRICTED]	W	M		

ddress	Cell Phone	Home Phone
00 CITY HALL DR, ROHNERT PARK, CA 94928		(707) 548-2600

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
CITY OF ROHNERT PARK / 500 CITY HALL DR, ROHNERT PARK 94928	(707) 584-2600

Witness Type
EYE WITNESS

Witness Notes

Assisting Officers

(SD530) MCALVAIN, SHANNON

(SD926) MARTINEZ, RUBEN

(SD1333) SINGLETON, SCOTT

(SD1391) SCHMIDT, FRED R

(SD1627) HANSHEW, JESSE J

(SD2234) BOTTOMLEY, LESLIE J

Narratives

CRIME CASE REPORT

Sonoma County Sheriff's Office Case No. 170512-027
Rohnert Park Dept. of Public Safety Case No. 17-0001973
Sonoma County Coroner's Office Case No. 17-0000510
Sonoma County Sheriff's Office
Violent Crime Investigations Unit
Det. Hanshew #1627
Re: Critical Incident Investigation involving the death of Branch Wroth

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On 5-12-17 at approx. 1511 hrs., police officers employed by the Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety were dispatched to the Budget Inn located at 6298 Redwood Drive in Rohnert Park to check-the-welfare of a "paranoid male" in room [redacted] who was "acting strange" and refusing to vacate the motel.

Upon their arrival, RPDPS officers contacted a WMA (later identified as S-Branch Christopher Wroth) who they later learned had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. As a result, two (2) RPDPS Officers (Officers Wattson and S. Huot) initially tried to take Wroth into custody. However, they were unable to do so, therefore, additional RPDPS officers responded to the scene to assist in effecting the arrest. Once in-custody, Wroth stopped breathing and would die in room [redacted] at the Budget Inn.

Refer to several additional supplemental reports chronicling the incident in detail.

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DISPOSITION:

Case closed.

Incident/Investigation Report

Agency: Sonoma County Sheriff's Department **Case Number:** 170512-027

Supplement Information

Supplement Date	Supplement Type	Supplement Officer
05/15/2017 23:27:20	FOLLOW UP	(SD2542) PULEO, JORDAN
Contact Name		**Supervising Officer** (SD697) BOUSTANY, HENRI

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Other Persons Involved

Name Code	Seq. #	Name (Last, First, M)	Race	Sex
Involved, Other	1	[redacted]		

Address	DOB	Age	Cell Phone	Home Phone
[redacted]				

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
/	

Name Code	Seq. #	Name (Last, First, M)	Race	Sex
Involved, Other	2	[redacted]		

Address	DOB	Age	Cell Phone	Home Phone
[redacted]				

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
[redacted]	

Incident/Investigation Report

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Supplement Narrative

On 5/15/17, Detective Hanshew contacted FTO Jones and requested we collect video surveillance from the Budget Inn located at 6298 Redwood Dr. in Rohnert Park. The video surveillance was related to an incident that had previously taken place there.

On 5/15/17 at approximately 1700 hours, Deputy Jones and I arrived at the Budget Inn and provided the manager, [redacted], with four 8 gigabyte USB storage drives to collect the video surveillance requested by Detective Hanshew. We left the thumb drives with [redacted] and asked him to contact us when the surveillance had been transferred.

On 5/15/17 at approximately 2106 hours, after being contacted by [redacted] Deputy Jones and I returned to the Budget Inn and collected the video surveillance on the four USB storage drives from [redacted] an employee at the Budget Inn.

The four thumb drives were booked into the property room at the main office under item numbers 2542-1, 2542-2, 2542-3, and 2542-4.

No further information.

Incident/Investigation Report

Agency: Sonoma County Sheriff's Department **Case Number:** 170512-027

Supplement Information

Supplement Date	Supplement Type	Supplement Officer
05/30/2017 16:24:22	FOLLOW UP	(SD1019) DICKEY, EMILY R
Contact Name		Supervising Officer
		(SD623) GELHAUS, ERICK

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Supplement Narrative

Expertise:

I have been certified by Taser International as a Taser instructor. I attended the 20 hour Taser instructor course on May 12-13, 2016 (4 hours online and 16 hours classroom). At the completion of this course, I was certified to instruct end-users on the X26, X26P and X2 TASER conducted electrical weapons. Additionally, we received instruction on downloading and troubleshooting the X26, X26P and X2 Taser conducted electrical weapons.

Follow-Up Investigation:

On 5/25/17, at approximately 1020 hours, I met with VCI detective Jesse Hanshew, who requested that I perform a forensic download on the four Tasers involved in this incident.

Taser #1: At approximately 1037 hours, I retrieved item #DMF12 from the property/evidence unit. The item was sealed in a white cardboard box with evidence tape. I cut the evidence tape and opened the box. Inside I found an X26 Taser zip-tied to the box. I removed the zip-ties and took the Taser from the box. I noted the following: an X26 Taser with serial number [redacted] which still had the battery inserted, including a spare, unfired Taser cartridge in the receptacle on the battery.

I connected the X26 to a USB download cable and downloaded the firing logs using SYNC in the off-line mode. I saved a copy of the PDF of the firing log to a CD and later placed the CD containing the firing log into evidence as ED#1. I also provided a copy of the CD to VCI detective Jesse Hanshew.

After downloading the X26, I inspected it and found no signs of external damage. I turned the X26 on and observed the central information display illuminated as it should. I pulled the trigger and performed a short spark test, in which the X26 appeared to operate normally.

I returned the X26 to the cardboard box I received it in, re-secured it with zip-ties, resealed it with evidence tape and returned it to the property/evidence room. I had possession of the Taser until approximately 1103 hours.

Taser #2: At approximately 1104 hours, retrieved item #EM1. The item was in a white cardboard box. I opened the box and found an X26P Taser. I removed the Taser from the box and noted the following: an X26P Taser with serial number [redacted] which had an unfired cartridge inserted. The battery was still inserted in the Taser and a second unfired cartridge was stored in the receptacle in the battery.

I connected the X26P to a USB download cable and downloaded the firing logs using SYNC in the off-line mode. I saved a copy of the PDF of the firing log to a CD and later placed the CD containing the firing log into evidence as ED#2. I also provided a copy of the CD to VCI detective Jesse Hanshew.

After downloading the X26P, I inspected it and found no signs of external damage. I turned the X26P on and observed the central information display illuminated as it should. I pulled the trigger and performed a short spark test, in which the X26P appeared to operate normally.

I returned the X26P to the cardboard box I received it in and secured it with zip ties and sealed it with evidence tape before returning it to the property/evidence room. I had possession of the Taser until approximately 1125 hours.

Taser #3: At approximately 1125 hours, retrieved item #SH1. The item was in a white cardboard box. I opened the box and found an X26P Taser. I removed the Taser from the box and noted the following: an X26P Taser with serial number [redacted] which had an unfired cartridge and the battery still inserted.

I connected the X26P to a USB download cable and downloaded the firing logs using SYNC in the off-line mode. I saved a copy of the PDF of the firing log to a CD and later placed the CD containing the firing log into evidence as ED#3. I also provided a copy of the CD to VCI detective Jesse Hanshew.

After downloading the X26P, I inspected it and found no signs of external damage. I turned the X26P on and observed the central information display illuminated as it should. I pulled the trigger and performed a short spark test, in which the X26P appeared to operate normally.

I returned the X26P to the cardboard box I received it in and secured it with zip ties and sealed it with evidence tape before returning it to the property/evidence room. I had possession of the Taser until approximately 1140 hours.

Taser #4: At approximately 1141 hours, I retrieved item # MW1. The item was in a white cardboard box. I opened the box and found an X26 Taser. I removed the Taser from the box and noted the following: an X26 Taser with serial number [redacted] which had an unfired cartridge still inserted. Additionally, the battery was still inserted and held a second unfired cartridge in the receptacle.

I connected the X26P to a USB download cable and downloaded the firing log using SYNC in the off-line mode I saved a copy of the PDF of the firing log to a CD and later placed the CD containing the firing log into evidence as ED#4. I also provided a copy of the CD to VCI detective Jesse Hanshew.

After downloading the X26, I inspected it and found no signs of external damage. I turned the X26 on and observed the central information display illuminated as it should. I pulled the trigger and performed a short spark test, in which the X26 appeared to operate normally.

I returned the X26 to the cardboard box I received it in and secured it with zip ties and sealed it with evidence tape before returning it to the property/evidence room. I had possession of the Taser until approximately 1157 hours.

Taser Download Analysis:

Taser #1: I reviewed the Taser firing log for item # DMF12 to analyze what was recorded. I noted that prior to

ıy downloading the device on 5/25/17, it had last been downloaded on 12/20/13. I also noted that the Taser is using firmware version 22.

The firing log showed that the Taser had 6 trigger pull activations on 5/12/17:
1.Occurred at 16:01:47 with a 5 second duration
2.Occurred at 16:01:53 with a 5 second duration
3.Occurred at 16:02:10 with a 1 second duration
4.Occurred at 16:02:13 with a 4 second duration
5.Occurred at 16:02:32 with a 5 second duration
6.Occurred at 16:02:46 with a 5 second duration

Note: When a Taser is connected to a USB download cable, it automatically synchronizes to the time clock on the computer which downloads it. I noticed the X26`s internal clock was reset back 31 minutes and 21 seconds to match the network set times. In essence, 31 minutes and 21 seconds should be subtracted from all events in the firing logs to match any other synchronized items (dispatch transmissions, etc).

Taser #2: I reviewed the Taser firing logs for item #EM1 to analyze what was recorded. I noted that prior to my downloading the device on 5/25/17, it had last been downloaded on 1/19/2017. I also noted that the Taser is using firmware version 04.030.

The firing logs showed that the Taser had no trigger pulls on the date in question.

Jote: When a Taser is connected to a USB download cable, it automatically synchronizes to the time clock on .e computer which downloads it. I noticed the X26P`s internal clock was reset back 2 minutes and 50 seconds to match the network set times. In essence, 2 minutes and 50 seconds should be subtracted from all events in the firing log to match any other synchronized items (dispatch transmissions, etc).

Taser #3: I reviewed the firing logs for item #SH1 to analyze what was recorded. I noted that prior to my downloading the device on 5/25/19, it had last been downloaded on 5/7/15 I also noted that the Taser is using firmware version 04.010.

The firing logs showed that the Taser had no trigger pulls on the date in question.

Note: When a Taser is connected to a USB download cable, it automatically synchronizes to the time clock on the computer which downloads it. I noticed the X26P`s internal clock was reset back 11 minutes and 13 seconds to match the network set times. In essence, 11 minutes and 13 seconds should be subtracted from all events in the firing log to match any other synchronized items (dispatch transmissions, etc).

Taser #4: I reviewed the firing logs for item #MW1 to analyze what was recorded. I noted that prior to my downloading the device on 5/25/19, it had last been downloaded on 12/12/07. I also noted that the Taser is using firmware version 22.

The firing logs showed that the Taser had no trigger pulls on the date in question.

Note: When a Taser is connected to a USB download cable, it automatically synchronizes to the time clock on e computer which downloads it. I noticed the X26`s internal clock was reset forward 20 minutes and 45 seconds to match the network set times. In essence, 20 minutes and 45 seconds should be added to all events in the firing log to match any other synchronized items (dispatch transmissions, etc).

To further information.

[redacted]

SECURITY

Case# [redacted]

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ROHNERT PARK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

STATEMENT AND CITIZEN'S ARREST FORM

[redacted]

Statement of: [redacted] Date 5/12/17 Time

☐ Miranda Admonishment

1. You do not have to talk to me. Do You Understand? Y N
2. Anything you say may be used against you in court. Do you understand? Y N
3. You have the right to talk to a lawyer and have the lawyer present while you are being questioned. Do you understand? Y N
4. If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed by the court to represent you before questioning if you want one. Do you Understand? Y N

Do you want to tell me what happened? Yes No Signature

Read by ID# Date Time Location

☐ CITIZEN ARREST

I, the undersigned, hereby arrest _____ on a charge of _____ and request that a police officer take this defendant into custody. I will appear as directed and sign a complaint against the person I have arrested.

Arresting Citizen's Signature _____ Date _____

Statement:

I [redacted] SECURITY FOR THE BUDGET INN RECEIVED A CALL ABOUT ROOM [redacted] GUEST REFUSING TO LEAVE THE PROPERTY. MYSELF AND [redacted] THE OTHER SECURITY OFFICER, RESPONDED TO THE ROOM AT THE BUDGET TO FIND BRANCH WORTH NAKED IN THE ROOM. WE MADE CONTACT WITH MR WORTH TO TRY AND FIND OUT WHY HE WASN'T LEAVING THE PROPERTY. AFTER TALKING TO MR. WORTH IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT HE WASN'T IN A CLEAR STATE OF MIND, AT THIS POINT WE MADE CONTACT WITH ROHNERT PARK PD. BY THE TIME ROHNERT PARK PD SHOWED UP MR WORTH BEHAVIOR BECAME MORE UNSTABLE. ROHNERT PARK PD SHOWED UP AND MADE CONTACT WITH MR WORTH THE OFFICER ON SCENE FOUND OUT THAT MR WORTH HAD A WARRANT AND ATTEMPTED TO TAKE HIM INTO CUTTODY. WHEN THE RPPD OFFICER TRIED TO PUT HANDCUFFS ON HIM MR WORTH BEGAN TO FIGHT WITH THE OFFICERS ON SCENE. I THEN JUMPED IN TO HELP THE OFFICERS GAIN CONTROL OF THE SUBJECT. AFTER A BIT OF A STRUGGLE ONE OF THE OFFICER DEPLOYED HIS TAZER WE THEN CONTINUE TO FIGHT WITH MR WORTH TO GAIN CONTROL OF HIM. THE OFFICER WITH THE TAZER DEPLOYED IT ABOUT TWO TO THREE MORE TIME DURING THE STRUGGLE. EVENTUALLY MORE ROHNERT PARK PD SHOWED UP AND GOT HANDCUFFS ON HIM.

Signature of person giving statement: [redacted]

Reporting Officer and ID#: HARNETT #485

RPDPS form 4[illegible]-1 (Rev. 9/08)

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Case #:_____
Fecha (Date):_____
Hora (Time):_____

ADVERTENCIA MIRANDA

- Usted tiene el derecho de no decir nada.
  (You have the right to remain silent)

- Cualiquier cosa que usted diga puede usarse contra usted y se usará contra usted en una corte de leyes.
  (Anything you say can be used against you in a court of law)

- Usted tiene el derecho de hablar con un abogado, y de tener un abogado presente antes y durante cualquier interrogación.
  (You have the right to talk to a lawyer and have a lawyer present while you are being questioned)

- Si usted no puede pagarle a un abogado, uno le será nombrado gratis para que lo represente a usted antes y durante la interrogación.
  (If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed by the court to represent you while you are being questioned)

- ¿Entiende usted cada uno de los derechos que acabo de explicarle a usted?
  (*Do you understand each of these rights as I have explained them to you?)*

  Sí___o No___ (marque uno) (*mark one*) _____
  Iniciales (*initials*)

- ¿Teniendo en cuenta estos derechos, desea usted hablar con nosotros ahora?
  (*Understanding these rights, would you like to talk to us now?)*

  Sí___o No___ (marque uno) (*mark one*) _____
  Iniciales *(initials*)

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Firma (*Signature*)

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Policia/Testigo (Witness)

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Lugar (Location)

[redacted]

SECURITY [redacted]

Case #: [redacted]

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ROHNERT PARK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

STATEMENT AND CITIZEN'S ARREST FORM

NAM[redacted] Time

Statement of: [redacted]

☐ Miranda Admonishment

1. You do not have to talk to me. Do You Understand? Y N
2. Anything you say may be used against you in court. Do you understand? Y N
3. You have the right to talk to a lawyer and have the lawyer present while you are being questioned. Do you understand? Y N
4. If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed by the court to represent you before questioning, if you want one. Do you understand? Y N

Do you want to tell me what happened? Yes No Signature

Read by ID# Date: Time Location

☐ CITIZEN ARREST

I, the undersigned, hereby arrest on a charge of and request that a police officer take this defendant into custody. I will appear as directed and sign a complaint against the person I have arrested.

Arresting Citizen's Signature: Date:

Statement:

ON 05/12/2017 AT 1358 HOURS I RECEIVED A CALL FROM the Budget INN AT 6298 REDWOOD DRIVE. I PROVIDE THE SECURITY FOR the property. THE FRONT DEST SAID A GUEST WAS NOT CHECKING OUT AND WAS ACTING STRANGE. [redacted] AND I ARRIVED AT ~~1351~~ 1431 HOURS and TO ROOM [redacted] SPOKE WITH A BRANCH WORTH WHO WAS VERY DISORIENTED SO WE CALLED ROHNERT PARK POLICE AT 1510 HOURS. ROHNERT PARK ARRIVED AT 1518 HOURS and STARTED TO TALK TO MR. WORTH. AFTER FINDING OUT HE HAD AWARRENT HE STARTED TO SHOW SIGNS OF AGRESSION AND WHEN THE OFFICER STARTED TO PUT HIS HANDS BEHIND HIS BACK HE BECAME AGRESSIVE AND STARTED TO FIGHT WITH THE OFFICERS. AFTER BEING TASED HE FELL TO THE FLOOR AND CONTINUED TO FIGHT.

[redacted]

Reporting Officer and ID#: HARTNETT #1485

[redacted]

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Fecha (Date):_____
Hora (Time):_____

ADVERTENCIA MIRANDA

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  Iniciales (*initials*)

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  Iniciales *(initials*)

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Firma (*Signature*)

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Policia/Testigo (Witness)

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Lugar (Location)

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Incident/Investigation Report

Agency: Sonoma County Sheriff's Department **Case Number:** 170512-027

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Supplement Information

Supplement Date	Supplement Type	Supplement Officer
11/02/2017 15:25:06	CHRO	(SD1627) HANSHEW, JESSE J
Contact Name		**Supervising Officer**
		(SD1408) MURPHY, SHAWN K

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Supplement Narrative

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Sonoma County Sheriff's Office Case No. 170512-027
Rohnert Park Dept. of Public Safety Case No. 17-0001973
Sonoma County Coroner's Office Case No. 17-0000510
Sonoma County Sheriff's Office
Violent Crime Investigations Unit
Det. Hanshew #1627
Re: Critical Incident Investigation involving the death of Branch Wroth

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SUPPLEMENT:

On 5-12-17, I was the on-call Sonoma County Sheriff's Office Violent Crime Investigations detective on-duty.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 1650 hrs., I received a telephone call from the Violent Crime Investigations supervisor, Det. Sgt. S. McAlvain. According to Det. Sgt. McAlvain, the Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety (hereinafter referred to as RPDPS) experienced an in-custody death. As a result, we were tasked with investigating the incident.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 1800 hrs., I arrived at the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office. There, I met with Det. Sgt. McAlvain who provided me with a briefing of the facts as he knew them. In essence, Det. Sgt. McAlvain would explain that earlier this afternoon RPDPS officers were dispatched to the Budget Inn Motel (later found to be located at 6298 Redwood Dr.) where they contacted a subject who was described as being "erratic." As the RPDPS officers were effecting or had effected an arrest, the subject (later identified as S-Branch Christopher Wroth) died. As a result, RPDPS requested that the Violent Crime Investigations Unit investigate the incident.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 1805 hrs., Deputy District Attorney (DDA), B. Nanney arrived at the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 1810 hrs., I reviewed the event chronology (#RP171320091) related to the critical incident.

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CONTACT WITH LT. RUBEN MARTINEZ:

On 5-12-17 at approx. 1900 hrs., I arrived at RPDPS. Upon entering the RPDPS building, I was contacted by Lt. R. Martinez from the Sonoma County Sheriff`s Office. At that time, Lt. Martinez handed me a thumb drive containing Budget Inn CCTV surveillance video as well as a copy of the Budget Inn receipt related to Wroth`s room [redacted] According to Lt. Martinez, he obtained the Budget Inn CCTV surveillance video from the Budget Inn manager, [redacted]

Later, I learned that this particular CCTV surveillance video depicting surveillance video from 5-12-17 at approximately 1356 hours and concluded on 5-12-17 at approx. 1700 hrs. Additionally, the CCTV surveillance video contained on this particular thumb drive was from surveillance camera #23 which faces southbound (toward Rohnert Park Expressway), but located above and slightly north of Wroth`s motel room [redacted] which faces westbound (toward Redwood Dr.). Refer to an additional supplemental report depicting a summary of events related to this surveillance video.

NOTE: Later, I downloaded the Budget Inn CCTV surveillance video from the thumb drive onto a DVD-R disc which I marked as evidence item #1JJH before booking it into Sonoma County Sheriff`s Office property/evidence. Also, I scanned the Budget Inn receipt into the "attachments" module of this I/leads report. See attached.

Additionally, Lt. Martinez informed me that the Budget Inn employee who checked Wroth into the Budget Inn motel was named, [redacted] (later identified as [redacted]. Later, I tasked Sonoma County Sheriff`s Office Property Crimes Detective, Det. Sedgwick with interviewing [redacted] Refer to Det. Sedgwick`s supplemental report.

Furthermore, Lt. Martinez explained that Wroth initially tried obtaining a motel room at the Rodeway Inn located at 6288 Redwood Drive, before obtaining a room at the Budget Inn. According to Lt. Martinez, an employee (later identified as [redacted] at the Rodeway Inn refused to rent Wroth a room because he did not have a credit card.

Later, I tasked Sonoma County Sheriff`s Office Property Crimes Detective, Det. Sedgwick with interviewing [redacted] Refer to Det. Sedgwick`s supplemental report.

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BRIEFING AT THE ROHNERT PARK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY:

On 5-12-17 at approx. 1900 hrs., I was present for a briefing at RPDPS by Det. Sgt. J. Justice. Including myself, the following individuals were present at the briefing by Det. Sgt. Justice:

**SONOMA COUNTY SHERIFF`S OFFICE:

Violent Crime Investigations Unit
Lt. R. Martinez
-Det. Sgt. S. McAlvain
-Det. J. Toney

Det. J. Fowler
√CI Intern N. Mueller

*Proper Crimes Investigations Unit
-Det. Sgt. S. Murphy
-Det. R. Sedgwick
-Det. K. Petersen
-Det. S. McKinnon

*Crime Scene Investigations Unit:
-Det. Sgt. V. Eaton
-Det. D. Fong
-Det. M. Parlato
-Det. T. Newton

**SONOMA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY`S OFFICE:
-DDA B. Nanney
-DAI D. Urton

**ROHNERT PARK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY:
-Chief B. Masterson
-Det. Sgt. J. Justice
Det. C. Thompson
et. J. Kempf

According to Det. Sgt. Justice, earlier this afternoon at approx. 1511 hours (on 5-12-17) RPDPS officers were dispatched to the Budget Inn to check the welfare of a subject (Wroth) located in room # [redacted] who was acting strange and paranoid.

Upon the first RPDPS officers` arrival (Officer D. Wattson), he encountered Wroth who was not wearing any clothes and claimed [redacted] Not long thereafter, a second RPDPS officer arrived to assist (Officer S. Huot). After which, the two officers attempted to take Wroth into custody. As they did so, Wroth became non-compliant forcing the initial officers to struggle with Wroth. As a result, additional RPDPS officers respond to the scene to assist (later found to be Sgt. E. Matzen, Officer M. Werle, Officer M. Huot, and Officer F. Hartnett).

During the incident, Wroth stopped breathing. Fire and medical personnel responded to the scene, but they were unable to revive Wroth. As a result, Wroth died at the scene.

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VIEWING OF OFFICER DAVID WATTSON`S VIEVU BWC RECORDING:

After the briefing, Det. Sgt. Justice allowed the entire group present for the briefing to view Officer Wattson`s VIEVU BWC recording which was activated during the incident.

OTE: Refer to an additional supplemental report for a summary of Officer Wattson`s BWC recording.

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CONTACT AND INTERVIEW WITH [redacted]

After viewing Officer Wattson's BWC recording, I was advised of an additional witness (later identified as [redacted] It was my understanding that [redacted] was the motel employee who called security to the Budget Inn to contact Wroth after he refused to vacate room [redacted]

Later, I tasked Spanish speaking Violent Crime Investigations detective, Det. J. Horsman with conducting an interview with [redacted] Refer to Det. Horsman's supplemental report regarding that interview.

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EVIDENCE PROVIDED BY ROHNERT PARK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY:

On 5-12-17 at approx. 2007 hrs., Det. Sgt. J. Justice provided me with a CD-R disc containing eight (8) VIEVU BWC recordings from four (4) different RPDPS Officers who were presented at or responded to Budget Inn Motel. They included, Officers D. Wattson, S. Huot, E. Mattson, and F. Hartnett.

Refer to additional supplemental summarizing the above BWC recordings.

NOTE: This disc had been previously marked as evidence item #JJ01 and related to RPDPS case #17-0001973.

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ARRIVAL AT THE SCENE:

On 5-12-17 at approx. 2023 hrs., Det. J. Toney and I arrive at Budget Inn. There, we encountered two (2) RPDPS detectives who were guarding the scene. However, at that time and because of the fact that a Search Warrant had not yet been signed, we did not enter the crime scene, nor did we look inside (room [redacted] As a matter of fact, the representative from the Sonoma County District Attorney's Officer followed suit and did not enter scene.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 2030 hrs., Det. Toney and I left the Budget Inn Motel.

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EVIDENCE PROVIDED BY ROHNERT PARK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY:

On 5-12-17 at approx. 2035 hrs., Det. Toney and traveled to and arrived at the Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 2037 hrs., Violent Crime Investigations supervisor, Det. Sgt. S. McAlvain provided me with a RPDPS dispatch recording (later found to be RPDPS item #JJ02) and RPDPS event chronology (#RP171320091).

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INTERVIEW WITH [redacted]

During this investigation, I learned that RPDPS Officer F. Harnett not only responded to the scene, but had previously contacted and interviewed the two (2) security guards who witnessed incident, W1-[redacted] and W2-[redacted] As a result, RPDPS Officer Harnett authored a supplemental report and obtained written statements from both men [redacted] and [redacted]

I would conduct and interview with [redacted] while tasking Det. Toney with conducting an interview with [redacted] (refer to Det. Toney's supplemental report detailing that interview). Both interviews were conducted inside RPDPS interview rooms which were being recorded via audio/video recording devices. Still, I activated my Olympus digital voice recorder to ensure the interview was, in fact, being captured for future reference.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 2043 hrs., I began my recorded interview with [redacted] inside an interview room located within the RPDPS.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 2130 hrs., I concluded my interview with [redacted] Refer to the audio recordings and transcripts (which I authenticated) depicting my interview with [redacted] in its entirety. Those same authenticated transcripts were later electronically downloaded into the "attachments" module of this I/leads report (see attached).

NOTE: Later, I was provided a DVD-R disc which captured the interview with [redacted] while we were located inside the RPDPS interview room. I would later mark the RPDPS interview room recording as evidence item #4JJH. Also, I downloaded my Olympus digital recording onto a CD-R which I marked as evidence item #4A-JJH. Later, I booked evidence item #4JJH and #4A-JJH into Sonoma County Sheriff's Office property/evidence.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 2148 hrs., RPDPS Det. Sgt. J. Justice provided me with copies of the two (2) written statements Officer Hartnett obtained from [redacted] and [redacted] Later, I electronically scanned both handwritten statement Officer Harnett obtained by [redacted] and [redacted] into the "attachments" module of this I/leads report (see attached). Also, I booked both statements into Sonoma County Sheriff's Office property/evidence as evidence items #2JJH and #3JJH.

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VIEWING OF ROHNERT PARK POLICE OFFICER M. WERLE'S BWC RECORDING:

On 5-12-17 at approx. 2254 hrs., Det. Sgt. J. Justice allowed us to view RPDPS Officer M. Werle's VIEVU BWC recording.

NOTE: Refer to an additional supplemental report for a summary of Officer Werle's BWC recording.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 2311 hrs., Det. Sgt. J. Justice provided me with a copy of Officer Werle's BWC recording which had been previously marked as evidence item #JJ03 and related to RPDPS case #17-0001973.

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CRIME SCENE VIEWING:

On 5-13-17, just before midnight, Det. Toney and I arrived at the Budget Inn. There, we met with Det. J.

owler and Det. Sgt. S. McAlvain.

After confirming the Search Warrant had been authored (by Det. S. McKinnon) and signed by a judge, Det. Toney and I conducted a scene walk through at 0002 hours (on 5-13-17). Before doing so, I signed the RPDPS major incident log.

During the crime scene viewing, I observed Wroth`s body with his head pointing southbound (toward Rohnert Park Expressway), feet pointing northbound (toward Santa Rosa), observed damage to the air conditioner, and a damaged window screen near the south motel room wall.

On 5-13-17 at approx. 0007 hrs., Det. Toney and I exited the crime scene before signing the RPDPS major incident log.

Refer to supplemental reports authored by Sonoma County Sheriff`s Office CSI Detectives for evidence collected from the scene.

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INTERVIEW WITH RPDPS OFFICER DAVID WATTSON:

On 5-13-17 at approx. 0020 hrs., Det. Toney and I arrived at the Double Tree Hotel located at 1 Doubletree in Rohnert Park to conduct interviews with the RPDPS officers involved in this incident.

On 5-13-17 at approx. 0101 hrs., I activated my hand-held Olympus digital voice recorder before beginning my interview with RPDPS Officer D. Wattson. My initial interview with Officer Wattson would continue for a total of twenty-six (26) minutes and forty-nine (49) seconds.

The interview itself was conducted in Doubletree Hotel, room #276. Present for my interview with Officer Wattson was Det. J. Toney and Officer Wattson`s attorney, D. Foley with the Law Offices of Rains, Lucia, Stern, St. Phalle & Silver, PC.

On 5-13-17 at approx. 0127 hrs., we took our first break during the interview with Officer Wattson.

On 5-13-17 at approx. 0134 hrs., I re-activated my Olympus digital voice recorder before beginning the second interview with Officer Wattson. This second interview with Officer Wattson lasted approx. four (4) minutes and thirty-three (33) seconds.

On 5-13-17 at approx. 0138 hrs., I concluded my interview with Officer Wattson.

NOTE: Later, I downloaded both recordings depicting my interviews with Officer Wattson onto two (2) CD-R discs labeled as evidence item #5JJH & #5A-JJH before booking them into Sonoma County Sheriff`s Office property/evidence.

Later, I had both interviews with Officer Wattson transcribed. Refer to the audio recordings and transcripts (which I authenticated) depicting my interviews with Officer Wattson in its entirety. Those same authenticated transcripts were later electronically downloaded into the "attachments" module of this I/leads report (see attached).

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INTERVIEW WITH RPDPS SERGEANT ERIC MATZEN:

On 5-13-17 at approx. 0144 hrs., Det. Toney and I activated our hand-held Olympus digital voice recorders before he (Det. Toney) began his interview with RPDPS supervisor, Sgt. E. Matzen.

The interview itself was conducted in Doubletree Hotel, room #276. Present for Det. Toney`s interview with Sgt. Matzen was myself and Sgt. Matzen`s attorney, V. Piggott with the Law Offices of Rains, Lucia, Stern, St. Phalle & Silver, PC. Det. Toney`s initial interview with Sgt. Matzen would continue for a total of thirty (30) minutes and forty-four (44) seconds.

On 5-13-17 at approx. 0214 hrs., we took our first break during the interview with Sgt. Matzen.

On 5-13-17 at approx. 0217 hrs., I re-activated my Olympus digital voice recorder before Det. Toney began his second interview with Sgt. Matzen. Det. Toney`s second interview with Sgt. Matzen would last approx. four (4) minutes and thirty-three (33) seconds.

On 5-13-17 at approx. 0220 hrs., Det. Toney concluded his interview with Sgt. Matzen.

NOTE: Later, I downloaded both of my recordings depicting Det. Toney`s interviews with Sgt. Matzen onto a CD-R disc labeled as evidence item #6JJH, while Det. Toney would later download his recording to a CD-R disc labeled as evidence item #JT-2. Both items (#6JJH & #JT-2) were booked into Sonoma County Sheriff`s Office property/evidence.

Later, Det. Toney had both interviews with Sgt. Matzen transcribed. Refer to the audio recordings and transcripts (which Det. Toney authenticated) depicting his interviews with Sgt. Matzen in its entirety. Those same authenticated transcripts were later electronically downloaded by Det. Toney into the "attachments" module of this I/leads report (see attached).

Refer to Det. Toney`s supplemental report.

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INTERVIEW WITH OFFICER SEAN HUOT:

On 5-13-17 at approx. 0225 hrs., I activated my hand-held Olympus digital voice recorder before beginning my interview with RPDPS Officer S. Huot.

The interview itself was conducted in Doubletree Hotel, room #276. Present for my interview with Officer S. Huot was Det. J. Toney and Officer S. Huot`s attorney, D. Foley with the Law Offices of Rains, Lucia, Stern, St. Phalle & Silver, PC. My initial interview with Officer Huot would continue for a total of thirty-nine (39) minutes and fifty-five (55) seconds.

On 5-13-17 at approx. 0305 hrs., we took our first break during my interview with Officer S. Huot.

On 5-13-17 at approx. 0308 hrs., I re-activated my Olympus digital voice recorder before beginning the second interview with Officer S. Huot. This second interview with Officer S. Huot lasted approx. thirty-three (33) seconds.

On 5-13-17 at approx. 0308 hrs., I concluded my interview with Officer S. Huot.

NOTE: Later, I downloaded the above recordings depicting my interviews with Officer S. Huot onto a CD-R disc labeled as evidence item #7JJH before booking them into Sonoma County Sheriff's Office property/evidence.

Later, I had both interviews conducted with Officer S. Huot transcribed. Refer to the audio recordings and transcripts (which I authenticated) depicting my interviews with Officer S. Huot in its entirety. Those same authenticated transcripts were later electronically downloaded into the "attachments" module of this I/leads report (see attached).

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INTERVIEW WITH RPDPS OFFICER MATT HUOT:

On 5-13-17 at approx. 0312 hrs., Det. Toney and I activated our hand-held Olympus digital voice recorders,, respectively, before he (Det. Toney) began his interview with RPDPS Officer M. Huot.

The interview itself was conducted in Doubletree Hotel, room #276. Present for Det. Toney's interview with Officer M. Huot was myself and Sgt. Matzen's attorney, V. Piggott with the Law Offices of Rains, Lucia, Stern, St. Phalle & Silver, PC. Det. Toney's initial interview with Officer M. Huot would continue for a total of thirty-four (34) minutes.

On 5-13-17 at approx. 0346 hrs., we took our first break during the interview with Officer M. Huot.

On 5-13-17 at approx. 0348 hrs., I re-activated my Olympus digital voice recorder before Det. Toney began his second interview with Officer M. Huot. Det. Toney's second interview with Officer M. Huot would last approx. twenty-eight (28) seconds.

On 5-13-17 at approx. 0348 hrs., Det. Toney concluded his interview with Officer M. Huot.

NOTE: Later, I downloaded both recordings depicting Det. Toney's interviews with Officer M. Huot onto a CD-R disc labeled as evidence item #8JJH, while Det. Toney would later download his recording to a CD-R disc labeled as evidence item #JT-3. Both items (#8JJH & #JT-3) were booked into Sonoma County Sheriff's Office property/evidence.

Later, Det. Toney had both interviews with Officer M. Huot transcribed. Refer to the audio recordings and transcripts (which Det. Toney authenticated) depicting his interviews with Officer M. Huot in its entirety. Those same authenticated transcripts were later electronically downloaded by Det. Toney into the "attachments" module of this I/leads report (see attached).

Refer to Det. Toney's supplemental report.

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INTERVIEW WITH RPDPS OFFICER MICHAEL WERLE:

On 5-13-17 at approx. 0354 hrs., I activated my hand-held Olympus digital voice recorder before beginning my interview with RPDPS Officer M. Werle.

.he interview itself was conducted in Doubletree Hotel, room #276. Present for my interview with Officer Werle was Det. J. Toney and Officer Werle`s attorney, D. Foley with the Law Offices of Rains, Lucia, Stern, St. Phalle & Silver, PC. My initial interview with Officer Huot would continue for a total of thirty-eight (38) minutes and forty-nine (49) seconds.

On 5-13-17 at approx. 0433 hrs., we took our first break during my interview with Officer Werle.

On 5-13-17 at approx. 0435 hrs., I re-activated my Olympus digital voice recorder before beginning the second interview with Officer S. Huot. This second interview with Officer Werle lasted approx. thirty-two (32) seconds.

On 5-13-17 at approx. 0435 hrs., I concluded my interview with Officer Werle.

NOTE: Later, I downloaded the above recordings depicting my interviews with Officer Werle onto a CD-R disc labeled as evidence item #9JJH before booking it into Sonoma County Sheriff`s Office property/evidence.

Later, I had both interviews conducted with Officer Werle transcribed. Refer to the audio recordings and transcripts (which I authenticated) depicting my interviews with Officer Werle in its entirety. Those same authenticated transcripts were later electronically downloaded into the "attachments" module of this I/leads report (see attached).

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COURT ORDER ASSOCIATED WITH THE AUTOPSY OF BRANCH WROTH:

On 5-15-17 at approx. 0935 hrs., I was present in courtroom #1 which was the courtroom of Sonoma County Superior Court Judge, the Honorable E. Daum.

Present for the hearing was counsel representing the County of Sonoma and an attorney from the Law Offices of Izaak Schwaiger (Rachel Wilber) who was representing the Wroth family [redacted] Arguments were made pertaining to the autopsy of Wroth.

On 5-15-17 at approx. 0943 hrs., Judge Daum, a member of Sonoma County Counsel, and a representative from Schwaiger`s Office entered the judge`s chambers. A short time after entering, the Chief Deputy Coroner, Det. Sgt. A. Mancilla`s presence was also requested inside the chambers.

On 5-15-17 at approx. 0952 hrs., all parties from inside Judge Daum`s chambers emerged and returned to the open courtroom. After considering the arguments by both parties involved, considering the documents provided by the Plaintiffs ([redacted], and after reviewing Government Code Section 27491.4, Judge Daum issued the following ruling:

-The autopsy of Wroth may proceed at the discretion of the Sonoma County Sheriff`s Office.

-The autopsy of Wroth shall be recorded (audio/video) and preserved pending further order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

-The audio/video recording depicting Wroth`s autopsy shall only be provided to Attorney Izaak Schwaiger and

)r. A. Jay Chapman (if he is still employed as a consultant of Izaak Schwaiger) upon the completion of the critical incident investigation being performed regarding the death of Wroth.

-It was further ordered that if and when Izaak Schwaiger and Dr. A. Jay Chapman receive a copy of the video and audio recording depicting the autopsy of Wroth, the court entered a protective order that prohibits Izaak Schwaiger and Dr. A. Jay Chapman from providing or disseminating the video and audio recording of the autopsy of Wroth, or discussing the contents of the video and audio recording, to any other person whatsoever, including any third-party herein or any other employees, agents, or contractors, except the contents of the video may be discussed with Plaintiffs. If the party files a pleading that references or contains or attaches the video and video recording of the autopsy of Wroth, that filing must be under seal. This Protective Order is continuous and without time limit, but is subject to a further order of the court of competent jurisdiction.

Finally, the above order will be reviewed on Monday, June 5th, 2017, in Dept. #1 at 0830 hrs.

NOTE: Later, I obtained a copy of Judge Daum`s order and downloaded it into the "attachments" module of this I/leads report. See attached.

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BLOOD DRAW FROM BRANCH CHRISTOPHER WROTH:

On 5-15-17 at approx. 1400 hrs., I arrived at the Sonoma County Coroner`s Officer, County Morgue Facility for the blood draw of Wroth.

On 5-15-17 at approx. 1508 hrs., Sonoma County Sheriff`s Office CSI detective, Det. M. Baraz began an audio and video recording of the autopsy examination room. This recording was approximately ten (10) minutes and thirty-six (36) seconds in length.

On 5-15-17 at approx. 1508 hrs., Garcia wheeled (on a gurney) Wroth into the autopsy examination room. Present in the examination room at the time of the recording was Det. Baraz and Forensic Pathologists Assistant, C. Garcia. Additionally, both Garcia and Det. Baraz donned protective wear including, but not limited to, surgical hair cap, face mask, isolation gown, gloves, and boot covers. Furthermore, present in the viewing room just outside the autopsy examination room was myself and Chief Deputy Coroner, Det. Sgt. A. Mancilla.

Det. Baraz would take several photos of Wroth, including, the body bag containing Wroth and the lock which secured the body bag itself (#21917).

On 5-15-17 at approx. 1510 hrs., Garcia unzipped the body bag containing Wroth. Not long thereafter, Garcia began to draw Wroth`s femoral blood.

On 5-15-17 at approx. 1516 hrs., Garcia completed Wroth`s blood draw and zipped-up Wroth`s body bag. After which, Garcia placed a new body bag lock on Wroth`s body bag (#21930). This was photographed by Det. Baraz.

On 5-15-17 at approx. 1518 hrs., Garcia wheeled (on a gurney) Wroth out of the autopsy examination room. A short time later, the recording concluded. Refer to Det. Baraz`s supplemental report.

NOTE: Later, Det. Baraz would provide me with a DVD-R disc (item #2-1430) and a CD-R disc (item

3-1430). Item #2-1430 contained the recording of Wroth's blood draw, while evidence item #3-1430 contained photos of the same blood draw.

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COLLECTION OF ADDITIONAL BUDGET INN CCTV SURVEILLANCE VIDEO:

On 5-15-17 at approx. 1610 hrs., I tasked Deputy B. Jones and his trainee, Deputy J. Puleo with obtaining additional Budget Inn CCTV surveillance video related to the incident involving Wroth.

Later, I learned that Deputies Puleo and Jones had, in fact, obtained four (4) 8GB thumb drives each containing additional Budget Inn CCTV surveillance video. Those items are as follows:

-Item #2542-1
-Item #2542-2
-Item #2542-3
-Item #2542-4

After obtaining the above items, Deputy Puleo booked the four (4) thumb drives into Sonoma County Sheriff's Office property/evidence. Refer to Deputy Puleo's supplemental report.

After the above items were booked, I obtained each of the four (4) items from Sonoma County Sheriff's Office property/evidence. After which, I copied each of the above items onto individual DVD-R+RDL discs which were marked using Deputy Puleo's item numbers (e.g., #2542-1, #2542-2, #2542-3, and #2542-4).

Refer to an additional supplemental report depicting a summary of evidence items #2542-1, #2542-2, #2542-3, and #2542-4.

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MEDICAL RECORDS RELATED TO BRANCH CHRISTOPHER WROTH:

On the morning of 5-16-17, I was informed by the Chief Deputy Coroner, Det. Sgt. A. Mancilla of medical records that were obtained by the office of the Coroner after Wroth's death. [redacted]

**The following is a summary of Wroth's [redacted] medical records [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

NOTE: Later, I scanned a copy of Wroth`s [redacted] medical records (dated 12-8-16) into the "attachments" module of his I/leads report. See attached.

[redacted]

**The following is a summary of Wroth`s [redacted] medical records [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

NOTE: Later, I scanned a copy of Wroth`s [redacted] medical records [redacted] into the "attachments" module of his I/leads report. See attached.

[redacted]

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[redacted]

[redacted]

NOTE: Later, I downloaded both BWC video files capturing Deputy Fomasi`s contact with Wroth on [redacted] onto a CD-R disc which was labeled as evidence item #11JJH and booked into Sonoma County Sheriff`s Office property/evidence.

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[redacted]

[redacted]

NOTE: In reviewing BWC video files related to the incident, Wroth is captured standing, but leaning on metal railing located on a cement platform, near an algae covered pond. All the while, Wroth was naked.

[redacted]

NOTE: On 7-17-17 at approx. 1600 hrs., Deputy C. Taylor hand-delivered a CD-R disc containing eleven (11) PPD VIEVU BWC video files that captured PPD officers` contact with Wroth on [redacted] After which, I marked the CD-R disc as evidence item #10JJH and booked it into Sonoma County Sheriff`s Office property/evidence. Refer to the PPD VIEVU BWC recordings.

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AUTOPSY OF BRANCH CHRISTOPHER WROTH:

On 5-17-17 at approx. 0750-0800 hrs., I arrived at the Sonoma County Coroner`s Officer. There, I met with the following individuals:

-Forensic Pathologist, Dr. A. Josselson
Forensic Pathologist`s Assistant, C. Garcia
Chief Deputy Coroner, Det. Sgt. A. Mancilla

About that time, Dr. Josselson was allowed to view all of the RPDPS officer BWC recordings related to the incident.

On 5-17-17 at approx. 0830 hrs., Sonoma County Sheriff`s Office CSI detectives, Det. T. Newton and Det. M. Baraz arrived at the Sonoma County Coroner`s Office. About that time or shortly after, Deputy District Attorney, T. Sanders and District Attorney Investigator, D. Urton arrived at the Sonoma County Coroner`s Office and met me in the autopsy viewing room. The viewing room is adjacent to the autopsy examination room and separated by clear glass.

NOTE: It should be noted that before Wroth`s autopsy, a camera was set-up in the autopsy examination room as a result of the court order issued by Sonoma County Superior Court Judge, the Honorable E. Daum. The audio/video recording of Wroth`s autopsy would later be downloaded onto a thumb drive and marked as evidence item #TDN2.

On 5-17-17 at approx. 0845 hrs., Dr. Josselson and Pathologist Assistant, C. Garcia donned infectious protective clothing. Det. T. Newton also donned a face mask, isolation gown, rubber gloves, surgical cap, and boot covers.

On 5-17-17 at approx. 0854 hrs., the audio/video recording began before Wroth was wheeled into the autopsy examination room.

On 5-17-17 at approx. 0855 hrs., Forensic Pathologist`s Assistant, C. Garcia cut the body bag lock (#21930), thus, un-securing the bag itself. It was then that Der. Josselson began his external examination of Wroth`s body.

On 5-17-17 at approx. 0944 hrs., Dr. Josselson began his internal examination of Wroth`s body.

On 5-17-17 at approx. 1330-1135 hrs., Dr. Josselson concluded the autopsy of Wroth. However, in speaking with Dr. Josselson after he concluded the autopsy he indicated Wroth`s urine tested presumptively positive for methamphetamine and THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol) and his heart was slightly enlarged.

Refer to Dr. Josselson`s autopsy report for further details.

NOTE: After Wroth`s autopsy, the Sonoma County Coroner`s Office sent his brain to Doctor Bennet I. Omalu, MD, MBA, MPH, CPE, DABP-AP, CP, FP, NP for examination. Refer to Dr. Omalu`s examination report.

Later that day (on 5-17-17), I received an email from Chief Deputy Coroner, Det. Sgt. A. Mancilla. According to Det. Sgt. Mancilla, Dr. Josselson was requesting the following items for review before completing and finalizing his autopsy report:

-RPDPS dispatch CAD log of the incident
-Medical paramedic/EMT records
-AED records
-Taser Information
-Officer statements during interviews
RPDPS officer BWC recordings
Budget Inn CCTV surveillance video

All of the requested items would later be provide to Dr. Josselson for his review.

On 5-18-17 at approx. 0814 hrs., Det. Sgt. Mancilla sent me photo depicting an Alere iCassette drug test kit. The following day (on 5-19-17), I met with Det. Sgt. Mancilla and learned that at the time of his autopsy Wroth`s urine tested presumptively positive for THC, Amphetamine, and Methamphetamine.

Later, I scanned the photo depicting the Alere iCassette into the "attachments" module of his I/leads report. See attached.

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REPORTS RECEIVED BY ROHNERT PARK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY:

On 5-18-17 at approx. 1345 hrs., I met with RPDPS Property/Evidence Technician, J. Cates in the front lobby of the Sonoma County Sheriff`s Office.

In the lobby of the Sonoma County Sheriff`s Office, Technician Cates provided me with a packet of RPDPS crime case reports related to RPDPS CR#17-0001973 and a digital media disc (previously marked as item #JJ05) containing the following:

-Five (5) digital photos depicting the west side of the Budget Inn, including, room [redacted]

-Six (6) digital photos depicting Wroth laying on the floor in room [redacted]

Fifty-three (53) photos depicting RPDPS officers in full-uniform as well as injuries various RPDPS officers sustained as a result of the incident.

Refer to Evidence item #JJ05 for further details.

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ROHNERT PARK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FORENSIC TASER DOWNLOADS:

On 5-25-17 at approx. 1020 hrs., I tasked certified Taser International Instructor, Deputy E. Dickey with conducting a forensic download and all four (4) Tasers that were seized from various RPDPS officers after Wroth`s death. Those Tasers are as follows:

-Item #DMF12 (Taser #1) - serial [redacted]
-Item #EM1 (Taser #2) - serial [redacted]
-Item #SH1 (Taser #3) - serial [redacted]
-Item #MW1 (Taser #4) - serial [redacted]

**Taser Download Analysis Summary:

Regarding Taser #1 (item #DMF12) and according to Deputy Dickey`s supplemental report, she indicated that the firing log associated with Taser #1 showed that this Taser had six (6) trigger-pull activations on 5/12/17. The following is a summary of those trigger activations related to Taser #1:

-On 5-12-17 at 16:01:47 with a 5 second duration
-On 5-12-17 at 16:01:53 with a 5 second duration
-On 5-12-17 at 16:02:10 with a 1 second duration
-On 5-12-17 at 16:02:13 with a 4 second duration
-On 5-12-17 at 16:02:32 with a 5 second duration
-On 5-12-17 at 16:02:46 with a 5 second duration

NOTE: According to Deputy Dickey`s supplemental report, when a Taser is connected to a USB download cable it automatically synchronizes to the time clock on the computer which downloads it. In regards to Taser #1, Deputy Dickey noticed the X26`s internal clock was reset back 31 minutes and 21 seconds to match the network set times. In essence, 31 minutes and 21 seconds should be subtracted from all events in the firing logs to match any other synchronized items (dispatch transmissions, etc.).

According to Deputy Dickey`s supplemental report, the firing logs related to Taser #2 (item #EM1), Taser #3 (item #SH1), and Taser #4 (item #MW1) indicated there had been NO trigger pulls on the date in question (on 5-12-17).

Refer to Deputy Dickey`s supplemental report for further details.

NOTE: After conducting her forensic download of the above Tasers, Deputy Dickey would provide me with copies of four (4) CD-R discs labeled as evidence items numbers ED#1, ED#2, ED#3, and ED#4 and containing data from each of the above Tasers, respectively.

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KOHNERT PARK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AED SUMMARY:

On 7-15-17, I was provided (by RPDPS Det. Sgt. J. Justice) with a six (6) page automated external defibrillator device log/summary (AED device #36153302) that appeared to have been used on Wroth on the day of his death (on 5-12-17). The summary/log began on 5-12-17 at 3:36:26 hours and powering-off at 3:43:10 hrs.

NOTE: Later, I electronically scanned and downloaded the above AED log/summary into the "attachments" module of this I/leads report. See attached.

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AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE/SONOMA LIFE SUPPORT PATIENT CARE REPORT:

On 7-17-17 at approx. 1409 hrs., I received (via email) an American Medical Response (AMR)/Sonoma Life Support (SLS) patient care report associated with ambulance #Medic 761 and SLS case #SLSA705112071.

NOTE: Later, I electronically scanned and downloaded the above AMR/SLS patient care report into the "attachments" module of this I/leads report. See attached.

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DISPOSITION:

Case closed.

Incident/Investigation Report

Agency: Sonoma County Sheriff's Department **Case Number:** 170512-027

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Supplement Information

Supplement Date	Supplement Type	Supplement Officer
11/06/2017 13:47:38	FOLLOW UP	(SD1627) HANSHEW, JESSE J
Contact Name		Supervising Officer
		(SD1408) MURPHY, SHAWN K

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Sonoma County Sheriff`s Office Case No. 170512-027
Rohnert Park Dept. of Public Safety Case No. 17-0001973
Sonoma County Coroner`s Office Case No. 17-0000510
Sonoma County Sheriff`s Office
Violent Crime Investigations Unit
Det. Hanshew #1627
Re: Summary of Officer Werle`s BWC Recording

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SUPPLEMENT:

On 11-6-17, I again viewed Officer Werle`s VIEVU BWC recording for a second time and while wearing headphones. Officer Werle`s BWC recording was a total of approx. (2) minutes and fifty-one (51) second in length. The following is a summary of Officer Werle`s BWC recording:

On 5-12-17 at 15:33:24 hrs., Officer Werle`s BWC recording begins. Officer Werle appears to enter room [redacted] at the Budget Inn. As he was doing so, Officer Werle`s BWC captures Officer Wattson positioned near the lower half of Wroth`s body, while Officer S. Huot positioned near Wroth`s head. All the while, Wroth is screaming.

About the time, Officer Wattson tells Officer Werle to "hit himhit himhit him." It was then that it appears (by the sound) that Officer Werle delivers a strike to Wroth`s body before yelling, "Let go of him." Then, it appears in the video (by the sound) that Officer Werle delivers two (2) additional strikes to Wroth`s body while yelling, "Get your arm behind your back!" Officer Wattson can be heard giving the same command ("Get your arm behind your back!"). All the while, the three officers continue to be in a violent struggle with Wroth and while Wroth continues to scream and yell.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:33:34 hrs., another officer (later found to be Officer M. Huot) enters the motel room and positions himself near Wroth`s head and to the left of (south) of Officer S. Huot. Security Guard [redacted] can also be seen peering into the motel room via the west window while standing on the nearby catwalk. Once inside the motel room, Officer M. Huot issued the command, "Get your arm behind your backdo it nowstop resisting!" All the while, all four (4) officers appear to be struggling to take Wroth into

·ustody and as Wroth continued to yell and breathe deeply.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:33:56 hrs., Officer Werle speaks into his police radio and says, "Frank-11, give usuhCode-3 medics." Moments later, Officer Werle again speaks into his radio and firmly says, "Code-3, medics!" Officer S. Huot is captured speaking into his radio before saying, "Edward-30; Code-3." It appears at this time Wroth has been handcuffed. However, Wroth continued to yell, "Help" and "Help me."

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:34:27 hrs., Officer S. Huot picked up what appeared to be a BWC from the floor which was located just south of Wroth, but west of the bed and east of the air conditioner. All the while, Wroth can be heard yelling.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:34:34 hrs., Wroth appeared to say, "I can`t breathe." Moments later, someone else in the room responds, "You can breathe." All the while, Wroth can be heard yelling. A short time later, Officer Werle asks Officer S. Huot, "What`s the call." Officer S. Huot explains by telling Officer Werle that it was a "Check the welfare."

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:35:39 hrs., Officer Werle says, "Check himcheck him" and "check himcheck his facecheck his face" (referring to Wroth). Officer M. Huot appears to check Wroth`s head/face before telling the other officers that Wroth was not breathing.

Immediately, fire/medical personnel who had already arrived on scene rolled Wroth`s body over and began CPR on the motel room floor, just west of the bed and east of the air conditioner. After which, Officer Werle walked toward the motel room door before ordering someone else to "grab an AED." About this time, Officer Werle`s BWC recording also captured CPR being performed on Wroth.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:36:14 hrs., Officer Werle`s BWC de-activates.

Refer to Officer Werle`s BWC recording for further details.

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DISPOSITION:

Case closed.

Incident/Investigation Report

Agency: Sonoma County Sheriff's Department **Case Number:** 170512-027

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Supplement Date	Supplement Type	Supplement Officer
11/06/2017 15:31:07	FOLLOW UP	(SD1627) HANSHEW, JESSE J
Contact Name		Supervising Officer
		(SD1408) MURPHY, SHAWN K

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Sonoma County Sheriff`s Office Case No. 170512-027
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Sonoma County Coroner`s Office Case No. 17-0000510
Sonoma County Sheriff`s Office
Violent Crime Investigations Unit
Det. Hanshew #1627
Re: Summary of Officer Wattson`s BWC Recording

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SUPPLEMENT:

On 11-6-17, I again viewed Officer Wattson`s VIEVU BWC recording, but this I was wearing headphones. Officer Werle`s BWC recording was a total of sixteen (16) minutes and forty-six (46) second in length. The following is a summary of Officer Werle`s BWC recording:

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:19:27 hrs., Officer Wattson`s BWC recording begins. The BWC recording depicts Officer Wattson as he is ascending what I later learned was the north Budget Inn stairwell, westbound toward the west second-level catwalk located on the west side of the Budget Inn (facing Redwood Dr.).

At the top of the stairwell, Officer Wattson turned left and started walking southbound along the second story Budget Inn catwalk toward room [redacted] There, Officer Wattson encountered a WMA standing outside of rom [redacted] (later identified as security guard, W-[redacted]).

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:19:58 hrs., Officer Wattson entered room [redacted] There, Officer Wattson encountered a WMA (later identified as Wroth) who was shirtless, not wearing underwear, pulling up his dark colored pants (with his genitalia exposed), and standing on the west side of the motel room bed.

Officer Wattson initially asked Wroth, "What`s going on partner?" Wroth replied, [redacted] Officer Wattson then asked Wroth to "take a seat." Wroth complied by moving toward the west edge of the motel room bed. As Wroth did so, he began ripping his shirt by pulling it apart using his hands. And, from time-to-time Wroth can be seen coughing. Wroth is now contacting Officer Wattson while seated on the west edge of his bed, facing westbound toward the second story catwalk and Redwood Dr.

During his contact with Wroth, Officer Wattson asked him what was going on. Wroth replied that he had [redacted]

Officer Wattson would continue to converse with Wroth while inside room [redacted] As Officer Wattson did so, he asked Wroth for his name and date of birth. Wroth provided Officer Wattson with his name, while appearing to be breathing deeply. And, while responding to the question about his date of birth, Wroth appeared to have difficulty answering the question, as if he had forgotten.

Officer Wattson then ran Wroth for wants/warrants. As this was occurring, Wroth remained seated on the west edge of the motel room bed. Then moments later, Wroth started to again rip the shirt he possessed, before using his teeth to assist in that effort. Officer Wattson asked Wroth why it was that he was ripping up his shirt. Wroth replied, [redacted]

During their conversation, Wroth explained to Officer Wattson that he arrived at the motel (room [redacted]) the previous day (on 5-11-17) and that he has recently been residing with his best-friend, [redacted]

As their conversation continued, Officer Wattson asked Wroth, "Do you know where you`re at now?" Wroth replied, [redacted] Officer Wattson then asked Wroth if he knew what city he was located in. Wroth replied, "Yeah, PRyep" Officer Wattson asked, "Where`s that?" Wroth replied, "Rohnert Park."

s the conversation continued, Officer Wattson would ask Wroth how it was that he arrived at the Budget Inn Motel. According to Wroth, he walked to the motel from [redacted] residence, but then claimed he does not reside with [redacted] who he (Wroth) claimed lived in Sebastopol. Officer Wattson then asked Wroth if he walked from Sebastopol. Wroth indicated he did not, but could not answer where it was exactly he walked from before arriving at the Budget Inn.

Officer Wattson then appeared to conduct a protective sweep of the remaining areas of the motel room. After doing so, he returned to the area where Wroth was located (near the west window). There, Officer Wattson encountered Wroth who was now standing, pointing toward the front door, and pulling up his pants. Wroth said, "Please don`tkill me guys." At the time, Wroth was attempting to, but having difficulty pulling up his pants. As a result, Wroth`s genitalia was exposed. Officer Wattson asked Wroth to again sit down on the nearby bed. Wroth complied.

After sitting down, Wroth appeared to be breathing deeply and licking his lips. About that time, Wroth said, [redacted] Shortly thereafter, Wroth stops talking and begins to look at the ground.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:24:24 hrs., Officer Wattson verbally notified Wroth that he had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. Wroth replied, "No I don`t." Officer Wattson then tells Wroth that he would have to "come with me" to inquire if the outstanding warrant was "citable or not." Wroth replied, "O.K." Officer Wattson further explained to Wroth that he would have to inquire if he could issue him a "ticket" or not, and hat it would be "super easy."

Wroth does not answer, before looking at the ground. About this time, Officer Wattson asked Wroth if he was going to "go with the program." Wroth told Officer Wattson that he was willing to "go with the program" so

ng as he knew what the program was. It was then that Officer Wattson explained to Wroth that the program" was that he wanted him to stand-up, put his pants on, that he was then going to be placed into handcuffs, before inquiring if the outstanding warrant was "citable." Officer Wattson then asked Wroth, "Make sense?" Wroth did not answer. Instead, Wroth looked down and to his left at the ground before nodding in the affirmative.

Officer Wattson then asked Wroth to stand-up and put his pants on. Wroth asked that he be able to put his shirt on first. Officer Wattson then told Wroth that he could put his shirt on. After which, Wroth put his black/blue shirt back on.

Wroth then appeared to become worried before telling Officer Wattson that he did not want to wear his pants [redacted] Officer Wattson then asked Wroth if he had any other pants he could wear. Wroth began looking for something, but soon told Officer Wattson that he did not have any other pants he could wear. Officer Wattson told Wroth that he did not want him to be exposed and indicated that he would have to wear the pants he was in possession of.

Worried, Wroth told Officer Wattson, [redacted] Officer Wattson explained to Wroth that the pants he was wearing were all that he had to wear, before asking him to stand-up and button the pants.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:26:41 hrs., Wroth became silent. Then, Wroth crossed his arms across his chest, while taking deep breaths. Moments later, Wroth stood up and was still taking deep breathes Once standing, Vroth looked up at the ceiling of the motel room before trying to secure his pants.

Wroth then sat back down on the bed before saying, [redacted] Officer Wattson replied, [redacted] In the end, Wroth said, "I don`t want these damn fucking pants, dude." Officer Wattson explained to Wroth that he needed to cover himself up before asking him to stand-up, and place his hands behind his so that Wroth could be placed into handcuffs. Wroth said, "I`ll do itI`ll do it." Wroth then asked, "I justwhat insurance do I have?" Officer Wattson replied, "I don`t knowI don`t deal inin insurance."

Wroth then continued to manipulate his pants while periodically coughing and breathing deeply. All the while, Wroth appeared to have difficulty putting on his pants.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:29:39 hrs., Wroth looks to his right (toward the motel room door). About that time, Officer Wattson explains to Wroth that the person entering the room was his partner (later found to be RPDPS Officer S. Huot). Officer S. Huot asks, "How you doing, sir?" Wroth replied, "Hey buddy." Officer S. Huot then asks, "What`s your name?" Wroth told Officer S. Huot that his name was "Branch." It was then that Officer S. Huot identified himself to Wroth. Officer Wattson then asked Wroth to continue to try and get his pants back on, however, he was unable to do so.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:30:23 hrs., Wroth stood-up without his pants on and genitalia exposes. As he did so, Officer Wattson informed him that he would be placing him into handcuffs. As Wroth stood-up, Officer Wattson was on Wroth`s left side, while Officer S. Huot was on his right. As a matter of fact, the BWC recording captured Officer Wattson grabbing onto Wroth`s left arm as he stood-up from the bed. Upon standing, Wroth neared west facing motel room window, which faces Redwood Dr.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:30:27 hrs., Wroth said, "Please don`t" before he begins to resist Officer Wattson and Officer S. Huot attempts to take him into custody.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:30:30 hrs., Officer Wattson tells Officer S. Huot, "Dump himdump him." Officer Wattson`s BWC then captures Wroth`s attempts to flee out the west motel room window. At that time, Officer Wattson`s BWC falls to the ground, but remains activated. As it continues to record, Wroth can repeatedly be heard yelling, "Help."

Officer Wattson`s BWC also captures him punching (using his right fist) the right side of Wroth`s body and right buttock. Officer S. Huot appeared to be grasping onto Wroth`s right arm. Another WMA (believed to be [redacted] is positioned to the right of Officer S. Huot. All the while, the violent struggle continues as Wroth continues to scream.

During the continuous struggle to take Wroth into custody, the screen on Officer Wattson`s` BWC goes black. Also, Wroth can continuously be heard yelling, "Help" and "God damn it!" Shortly thereafter, it appears one of the two RPDPS officers (believed to be Officer Wattson) yells, "TaserTaserTaser." All the while, one of the two officers (believed to be Officer Wattson) can be heard yelling the order, "Get on the ground," while another officer (believed to be Officer S. Huot) can be heard yelling, "Put your hands behind your back." All the while, Wroth can be heard screaming, "Help me" and "Help me god."

Officer Wattson`s appears to yell, "Get on your stomach" on at least two occasions. As a matter of fact, Officer Wattson warns Wroth that if he does not comply and gets onto his stomach then he will be Tased once more. All the while, Wroth can be heard screaming and yelling, "Help me."

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:31:17 hrs., the screen on Officer Wattson`s BWC comes to view and continues to record the incident (while located on the floor), but something appears to be over the BWC camera (later believed to be a window screen). As this is occurring, Officer Wattson can be seen with what appears to be a Taser in hand, while the sound of arcing can be heard from a Taser. Officer Wattson then orders Wroth twice to "Get on your stomach" and later "Get on your stomach now!" Officer S. Huot also gives an order to Wroth by saying, "Get on your stomach!"

Moments later, Officer Wattson can be heard again ordering Wroth to "Get on your stomach" before the arcing of a Taser can be heard. All the while, Wroth can be heard grunting, and breathing deeply. Wroth can also be heard yelling, "Fuck!" and later yelling, "Help" and "Help me" on several occasions.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:32:1232 hrs., the screen that was initially covering Officer Wattson`s BWC while it was located on the motel room floor disappeared. Wroth is continuously heard yelling, grunting and saying, "Help me."

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:32:38 hrs., the window screen that was initially covering the Officer Wattson`s BWC again covered the camera. At this time, Officer Wattson`s BWC is pointing directly toward the ceiling of the motel room ceiling. All the while, Wroth can be heard screaming, grunting, and yelling, "Help," "No," "Somebody," and "911 now"

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:33:20 hrs., sirens can be heard in the distance, while Officer Wattson appears to be saying, "Hit `emhit `em." Sounds appearing to be that of strikes can be heard before another officer (later found to be Officer Werle) yells, "Let go of him!" Then, "Put your arm behind your back." Another voice can be heard telling Wroth, "Put your arm behind your backdo it now" and "stop resisting!" Another voice can be heard saying, "Figure-four."

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:33:51 hrs., Officer Werle broadcasts, "F11, give usahCode-3 medics," before

epeating a firm broadcast, "Code-3 medics!" Officer S. Huot then can be seen kicking the screen off of Officer Wattson`s BWC before broadcasting, "Edward-30; Code-3." Shortly after, Wroth can be heard yelling, "Help" and "Help me."

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:34:23 hrs., Officer S. Huot appears to pick-up Officer Wattson`s BWC off of the floor.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:34:30 hrs., Wroth can be heard saying, "I can`t breathe," while Officer S. Huot is holding onto Officer Wattson`s BWC. Moments later, someone responds, "You can breathe." After which, Officer Wattson`s BWC captures the west wall and the north side of the air conditioner. About this time, Wroth can be heard yelling, "Help" and other sounds.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:34:51 hrs., Wroth can be heard making other sounds, but not saying anything.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:35:13 hrs., Wroth appears to make his last sound. Moments later, Wroth comes into camera view. At that time, Wroth appeared to be laying in the prone position (face down), adjacent to the west motel room wall (nearest the south portion of the AC unit). Wroth`s hands appears to be handcuffed behind his back, with his head pointing southbound (toward Rohnert Park Expressway), and his feet pointing toward the north (toward Santa Rosa). Also, there appeared to be Taser barbs embedded on the right/center portion of his back, approximately two to four inches (2"-4") apart.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:35:34 hrs., another RPDPS officer (later found to be Officer M. Werle) can be heard saying, "Check himcheck him" (referring to Wroth). Officer Werle continues by saying, "Check his facecheck s face." Another RPDPS officer (later found to be Officer M. Huot) respond by saying, "He`s not breathing."

It was then that medical aid by RPDPS fire/medical personnel began due to the fact that they had already arrived and were located inside the motel room. Immediately, RPDPS fire/medical staff began CPR on Wroth. Another person can be heard saying, "Go grab an AED."

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:36:12 hrs., Officer Wattson de-activated his BWC while CPR was being performed on Wroth.

Refer to Officer Wattson`s BWC recording regarding for further details.

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DISPOSITION:

Case closed.

Incident/Investigation Report

Agency: Sonoma County Sheriff's Department **Case Number:** 170512-027

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Supplement Information

Supplement Date	Supplement Type	Supplement Officer
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Contact Name		**Supervising Officer**
		(SD1408) MURPHY, SHAWN K

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Sonoma County Sheriff's Office Case No. 170512-027
Rohnert Park Dept. of Public Safety Case No. 17-0001973
Sonoma County Coroner's Office Case No. 17-0000510
Sonoma County Sheriff's Office
Violent Crime Investigations Unit
Det. Hanshew #1627
Re: Summary of Budget Inn CCTV Surveillance Video

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SUPPLEMENT:

This supplemental report summarizes Budget Inn CCTV surveillance video captured by five (5) pieces of evidence, items #2542-1, #2542-2, #2542-3, #2542-4, and #1JJH.

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ITEM #2542-1

Item #2542-1 contained eight (8) Budget Inn CCTV surveillance video files from camera #23 and began on 5-11-17 at 1930 hours and concluded on 5-12-17 at 0351 hours. The following is a summary of what was captured on evidence item #2542-1 during the above timeframe:

On 5-11-17 at approx. 20:06:59 hrs., Wroth can be seen at the top of the southwest stairwell before turning right (N/B) onto the west Budget Inn catwalk. Afterward, Wroth is captured walking northbound along the west Budget Inn catwalk toward room [redacted]

As he neared Budget Inn motel room [redacted] Wroth can be seen wearing a red baseball cap, black short sleeved shirt (have a design on the front), grey loose fitting pants, and black/white sneakers. Over Wroth's right shoulder is a strap attached to a dark colored gym bag (with white trim). Wroth also appears to be in possession of a motel room key in his right hand, while carrying a newspaper and other misc. items in his left hand.

On 5-11-17 at approx. 20:08:03 hrs., Wroth is captured entering motel room [redacted] before closing the motel room door.

After watching all eight (8) Budget Inn CCTV surveillance video files copied onto evidence item #2542-1 which were captured by camera #23 and began on 5-11-17 from 1930 hours to 5-12-17 at 0351 hrs., Wroth does not appear to exit his motel room [redacted] nor does anyone enter.

Refer to the Budget Inn CCTV surveillance video files downloaded on evidence item #2542-1 for further details.

NOTE: It should be noted Budget Inn camera #23 faces southbound (toward Rohnert Park Expressway), but located above and just north of Wroth`s motel room [redacted] As a matter of fact, Budget Inn CCTV surveillance camera #23 is closest to motel rooms [redacted], with motel room [redacted] located just to the south and adjacent to room [redacted]

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ITEM #2542-2:

Item #2542-2 contained seven (7) Budget Inn CCTV surveillance video files from camera #23 and began on 5-12-17 at 0351 hours and concluded on 5-12-17 at 1142 hrs. The following is a summary of what was captured on evidence item #2542-2 during the above time frame:

On 5-12-17 at approx. 11:15:54 hrs., a HFA (believed to be CO-[redacted] who appears to be the Budget Inn housecleaning employee knocks on Wroth`s door [redacted] twice. However, Wroth does not answer. The HFA then knocks on the door to the north and adjacent to Wroth`s motel room [redacted], before allowing herself inside using a motel room key. It then appears that [redacted] begins to clean room [redacted]

NOTE: It should be noted that during her interview with Det. Horsman, [redacted] admits to knocking on Wroth`s door at what she recalled as being approx. 1100 hours (on 5-12-17). At the time, someone from inside room [redacted] presumably Wroth) replied, "Ten minutes." According to [redacted], she would not return to Wroth`s room [redacted] until approximately 1345 hours (on 5-12-17). Refer to Det. Horsman supplemental report with [redacted]

After watching all seven (7) Budget Inn CCTV surveillance video files copied onto evidence item #2542-2 (captured by camera #23) that began on 5-12-17 from 0351 hours and concluded on 5-12-17 at 1142 hours, Wroth does not appear to exit his motel room [redacted] nor does anyone enter.

Refer to the Budget Inn CCTV surveillance video files downloaded on evidence item #2542-2 for further details.

NOTE: It should be noted Budget Inn camera #23 faces southbound (toward Rohnert Park Expressway), but located above and just north of Wroth`s motel room [redacted]

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ITEM #2542-3:

**CAMERA #5:

ıtem #2542-3 contained one (1) Budget Inn CCTV surveillance video files from camera #5 (lobby) that began on 5-11-17 at 1956 hours and concluded on the same date (5-11-17) at 2011 hrs. The following is a summary of Budget Inn CCTV surveillance camera #5 (lobby) during the above timeframe:

On 5-11-17 at approx. 19:57:09 hrs., Wroth can be seen on the far left portion of Budget Inn lobby CCTV surveillance video walking toward the lobby of the Budget Inn.

On 5-11-17 at approx. 19:57:34 hrs., the lobby camera (#5) captures Wroth entering the Budget Inn Lobby before contacting a Budget Inn employee (believed to be CO [redacted] standing behind the lobby counter.

Upon entering the Budget Inn, Wroth can be seen carrying a newspaper in his left hand, while wearing a red baseball cap, black short sleeved shirt (have a design on the front), grey loose fitting pants, and black/white sneakers. Over Wroth`s right shoulder is a strap attached to a dark colored gym bag (with white trim).

Wroth approaches the front counter of the Budget Inn before appearing to converse with [redacted] Moments later, Wroth presents [redacted] with a document (in paper form) which [redacted] appears to read. It then appears [redacted] checks Wroth into the Budget Inn as a customer. All the while, Wroth can be seen reading a newspaper which he spreads onto the lobby counter.

On 5-11-17 at approx. 20:00:09 hrs., Wroth appears to pay cash for a Budget Inn motel room, before [redacted] hands him what appears to be a motel room key.

n 5-11-17 at approx. 20:03:55 hrs., Wroth`s completes his registration into the Budget Inn and exits the lobby, before turning to his right. Wroth does not return to the lobby of the Budget Inn within the above timeframe.

NOTE: It should be noted Budget Inn CCTV surveillance camera #5 is positioned in the lobby behind the clerk at the front counter.

**CAMERA #31:

Evidence item #2542-3 also contains seven (7) Budget Inn CCTV surveillance videos from camera #31 beginning on 5-12-17 from 0643 hours and concluded on 5-12-17 at 1401 hrs. The following is a summary of what was captured on Budget Inn camera #31 during the above timeframe:

On 5-12-17 at approx. 11:59:36 hrs., [redacted] can be seen approaching Wroth`s motel room [redacted] before knocking on the door. Not long thereafter, [redacted] uses a key to slightly open Wroth`s motel room door and appears to speak with someone inside while the motel room door is ajar. After a few minutes, [redacted] leaves Wroth`s motel room and walks northbound to another motel room.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 12:17:37 hrs., [redacted] again appears to knock on Wroth`s motel room door [redacted] However, Wroth does not answer.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 12:27:01 hrs., an IMA (believed to be [redacted] is captured approaching Wroth`s motel ıoom door [redacted] before knocking. However, Wroth does not answer.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 12:29:04 hrs., [redacted] unlocks Wroth`s motel room door before opening it slightly. Not long after, [redacted] shuts the door once again. [redacted] then appears to speak to the occupant through the motel

oom door. A short time later, [redacted] leave the area of Wroth`s motel room and walks southbound.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 13:05:39 hrs., [redacted] is captured walking northbound on the west Budget Inn catwalk and arriving at Wroth`s motel room [redacted]. At that time, [redacted] can be seen looking at motel room [redacted] while pushing a cart.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 13:05:42 hrs., camera #31 captures Wroth`s motel room window slide north, as if it was opening. [redacted] can be seen looking toward the window of motel room [redacted]. It then appears that [redacted] speaks to someone inside Wroth`s motel room, but the individual cannot be seen via this camera view. Moments later, [redacted] continues to walk northbound on the west Budget Inn catwalk stopping at the northwest corner.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 13:07:11 hrs., an IMA (believed to be [redacted] is seen again approaching Wroth`s motel room [redacted]. [redacted] appears to walk in and out of camera view (#31).

On 5-12-17 at approx. 13:15:01 hrs., camera #31 captures Wroth moving his motel room window by sliding it to the south.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 13:23:14 hrs., camera #31 captures Wroth`s moving his motel room window by sliding it to the north.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 13:32:39 hrs. [redacted] can be seen approaching Wroth`s motel room once more and ooking into the motel room window. After which, [redacted] knocks on Wroth`s motel room door, but no one swers. As a result, [redacted] enters Budget Inn motel room [redacted] located adjacent and to the north of Wroth`s motel room [redacted]. [redacted] then begins cleaning motel room [redacted] located just north of Wroth`s motel room.

After cleaning motel room [redacted] (located north and adjacent to Wroth`s motel room), [redacted] is seen leaving her cleaning cart in front of motel room [redacted] while walking southbound just passed Wroth`s motel room door out of camera view. Not long thereafter, [redacted] re-emerges, before pushing her cart southbound on the west Budget Inn catwalk out of camera view and passed Wroth`s motel room door.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 13:55:10 hrs., [redacted] can be seen arriving at Wroth`s motel room door, before knocking and appearing to speak through the door. Moments later, [redacted] walked southbound out of camera view. Still, Wroth never emerges from motel room [redacted] via the door.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 13:59:37 hrs., Wroth`s motel room sliding window appears to close as it travels southbound along the window track.

After viewing all of the Budget Inn CCTV surveillance video files captured on evidence item #2542-3 (camera #31), I learned that Wroth never emerged from motel room [redacted], nor did anyone enter.

Refer to the Budget Inn CCTV surveillance video files downloaded on evidence item #2542-3 for further details.

OTE: It should be noted that Budget Inn CCTV surveillance camera #31 is positioned just above, but ghtly south of Wroth`s room [redacted], facing northbound (toward Santa Rosa) and camera #23.

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ITEM #2542-4:

**CAMERA #23:

Item #2542-4 contained three (3) Budget Inn CCTV surveillance videos from camera #23 that began on 5-12-17 from 1142 hours and concluded at 1401 hrs. The following is a summary of what was captured on evidence item #2542-4 during the above time frame:

On 5-12-17 at approx. 11:59:36 hrs. [redacted] can be seen approaching Wroth`s motel room [redacted] before knocking on the door. Not long thereafter, [redacted] uses a key to slightly open Wroth`s motel room door and appears to speak with someone who remains inside while the motel room door is ajar. After a few minutes, [redacted] leaves Wroth`s motel room and walks northbound to another motel room. Before doing so, [redacted] appears to leave Wroth`s motel room door ajar. Moments later, someone appears to close the motel room door entirely.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 12:17:37 hrs., [redacted] again appears in camera view and approaches Wroth`s motel room [redacted] from the south. After arriving at Wroth`s motel room door, [redacted] can be seen knocking on Wroth`s motel room door [redacted]. However, Wroth does not answer. [redacted] then walks northbound on the west Budget Inn catwalk out of camera view.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 12:27:01 hrs., an IMA (believed to be [redacted] is captured approaching Wroth`s motel room door [redacted] before knocking. However, Wroth does not answer the door.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 12:29:04 hrs., [redacted] opens Wroth`s motel room door before opening it slightly. Not long after, [redacted] shuts the door once again. [redacted] then appears to speak to the occupant of the motel room through the motel room door. A short time later, [redacted] leaves the area of Wroth`s motel room and walks southbound on the west Budget Inn catwalk. Wroth never emerges from the motel room.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 13:05:39 hrs., [redacted] is captured walking northbound on the west Budget Inn catwalk and arriving at Wroth`s motel room [redacted] At that time, [redacted] can be seen looking at and presumably into motel room [redacted], while pushing a cart.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 13:05:42 hrs., camera #31 captures Wroth`s motel room window slide north, as if opening. [redacted] can be seen looking toward the window of motel room [redacted] It then appears that [redacted] speaks to someone inside Wroth`s motel room, but the individual cannot be seen via this camera view. Moments later, [redacted] continues to walk northbound on the west Budget Inn catwalk stopping at the northwest corner.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 13:07:11 hrs., an IMA (believed to be [redacted] is seen again approaching Wroth`s motel room [redacted]. Upon arriving at Wroth`s motel room [redacted] appears to look into the motel room (via the window). After which [redacted] moves himself to the motel room door. Still, Wroth never emerges. [redacted] can then be seen moving back in front of the west motel room [redacted] window before appearing to speak with someone inside. After some time, [redacted] leaves the area and walks southbound along the west Budget Inn catwalk. Still, Wroth never emerges from the motel room.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 13:15:01 hrs., camera #23 captures Wroth`s sliding motel room window moving to the south as if closing slightly more.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 13:32:39 hrs., [redacted] can be seen approaching Wroth`s motel room once more and look into the motel room window. After which, [redacted] knocks on Wroth`s motel room door, but no one answers. As a result, [redacted] enters Budget Inn motel room [redacted] located adjacent and to the north of Wroth`s motel room [redacted] After which, [redacted] begins cleaning motel room [redacted]

After cleaning motel room [redacted] (located north and adjacent to Wroth`s motel room), [redacted] is seen leaving her cleaning cart in front of motel room [redacted] while walking southbound just passed Wroth`s motel room door while pushing a bucket and mop. After which, [redacted] stages the bucket and mop in front of another motel room located south of Wroth`s before returning to her cart that remained in front of motel room [redacted] can then be seen pushing her cart southbound on the west Budget Inn catwalk, before stopping near the area she left her bucket and mop.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 13:55:10 hrs., [redacted] can be seen arriving at Wroth`s motel room. There, [redacted] appears to look into Wroth`s motel room via his west window. After which, [redacted] can be seen knocking on Wroth`s motel room door, but no one answers. [redacted] can then be seen contacting [redacted] and directs his attention inside the room via Wroth`s motel room window. [redacted] then appears to be speaking with someone inside the motel room [redacted] via the west window and later talking on a cellular phone.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 13:59:37 hrs., Wroth`s motel room west sliding window appears to move southbound along the window track as if appearing to close slightly.

Refer to the Budget Inn CCTV surveillance video files downloaded on evidence item #2542-4 for further details.

NOTE: It should be noted Budget Inn camera #23 faces southbound (toward Rohnert Park Expressway), but located above and just north of Wroth`s motel room [redacted]

**CAMERA #31:

Evidence item #2542-4 also contains six (6) Budget Inn CCTV surveillance videos from camera #31 beginning on 5-11-17 from 1930 hours and concluding on 5-12-17 at 0107 hrs. The following is a summary of what was captured on camera #31 during the above timeframe:

On 5-11-17 at approx. 20:07:19 hrs., Wroth is captured by camera #31 arriving at Budget Inn motel room [redacted] from the south, while standing on the west catwalk. At Budget Inn room [redacted] Wroth is captured wearing a red baseball cap, black short sleeved shirt (have a design on the front), grey loose fitting pants, and black/white sneakers. Over Wroth`s right shoulder is a strap attached to a dark colored gym bag and carrying what appears to be a motel room key in his right hand, with a newspaper along with other misc. items in his left hand.

On 5-11-17 at approx. 20:08:03 hrs., Wroth is captured entering motel room [redacted] before closing the motel room door. Not long thereafter, Wroth appears to be standing in front of the west motel window before closing the curtains. After which, Wroth does not appear to emerge from his motel room, nor does anyone enter.

Refer to the Budget Inn CCTV surveillance video files downloaded on evidence item #2542-4 for further details.

NOTE: It should be noted that Budget Inn CCTV surveillance camera #31 is positioned just above, but

lightly south of Wroth`s room [redacted], facing northbound (toward Santa Rosa).

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ITEM #1JJH:

**CAMERA #23:

Item #1JJH contained four (4) Budget Inn CCTV surveillance videos captured by camera #23 that began on 5-12-17 from 1356 hours and concluded at 1700 hrs. The following is a summary of what was captured on evidence item #1JJH during the above time frame:

On 5-12-17 at approx. 14:47:51 hrs., two WMA`s (later found to be W[redacted] & W2[redacted]) arrived at Wroth`s motel room[redacted]. As a matter of fact, [redacted] tried to open Wroth`s door, but was unsuccessful. After which, [redacted] appears to speak with [redacted] who is located to the south of the Wroth`s motel room. [redacted] then tried a motel room key to open the door, but she is unsuccessful.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 14:49:38 hrs., [redacted] arrived at Wroth`s motel room and opened the motel room door using a motel key card. After opening the door, [redacted] entered Wroth`s motel room while [redacted] remained outside. Then, the two men repositioned themselves and would remain at or just outside Wroth`s motel room door for some time. As a matter of fact, at one point it appears both men were talking to someone (presumably Wroth) while they remained outside his motel room door. This conversation was through the open motel room door.

NOTE: It should be noted that at some point after contacting Wroth, [redacted] walks northbound on the west Budget Inn catwalk out of camera view, leaving [redacted] by himself just outside the motel room open door.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:12:30 hrs., [redacted] walks northbound on the west Budget Inn catwalk before moving out of camera view. After which, the lower half of the external west window screen can be seen being pushed outward.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:12:39 hrs. [redacted] and [redacted] return to Wroth`s motel room. At that time, [redacted] appears to repair the exterior west motel room screen. It was then that both men then continue to stand outside of Wroth`s motel room on the catwalk.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:17:44 hrs., the first (1st) RPDPS patrol officer (Officer Watson) arrives on scene before entering Wroth`s motel room.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:26:45 hrs., the second (2nd) RPDPS patrol officer (Officer S. Huot) arrives on scene before initially standing just north of the threshold of Wroth`s motel room door. Moments later, Officer S. Huot then backed-up slightly to take-up a position even farther north of Wroth`s motel room door.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:27:21 hrs., Officer S. Huot entered Wroth`s motel room.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:28:13 hrs., camera #23 captures movement inside Wroth`s motel room. Moments later, camera #23 captures the west exterior window screen being pushed outward (toward the catwalk). It is apparent that a struggle is ensuing inside the motel room, just inside the west window.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:28:21 hrs., Wroth can be seen attempting to pull himself out of the west window by

grabbing onto the exterior portion of the air conditioning unit. As a result, [redacted] attempts to grab onto Wroth`s arm and push him back into the motel room. Moments later, Wroth`s body is pulled back into his motel room along with the black exterior window screen. [redacted] can then be seen entering Wroth`s motel room to apparently assist Officers S. Huot and Wattson. Camera #23 also captures [redacted] attempting to assist the RPDPS officers from the threshold of the motel room.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:30:01 hrs., bare knees can be seen in the threshold of Wroth`s motel room. Moments later, camera #23 captures bare legs (presumably Wroth`s) protruding out of the motel room door, while kicking and moving about. As a result, both [redacted] and [redacted] attempt to control and immobilize Wroth`s legs which continue to kick up and outward. Based upon the observed angle of Wroth`s feet, it is apparent that he is laying on his back with his toes pointed up in the air. And, it appears apparent to me both [redacted] and [redacted] are having an extremely difficult time attempt to control Wroth`s legs because of his violent behavior.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:31:04 hrs., a third (3rd) RPDPS officer arrives on scene to assist. At that time and based upon the images that can be seen of Wroth`s legs, he appears to be laying on his left side. Immediately, [redacted] moves out of the way. Within seconds, two (2) additional RPDPS officers arrived on scene to assist with gaining control of Wroth as well. As noted above, Wroth continues to appear to be positioned on is left side.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:31:22 hrs., Sgt. E. Matzen appears to be attempting to control Wroth`s legs by positioning them into a "figure-four." However, camera #23 captures the difficulty Sgt. Matzen has in doing so based upon the fact that Wroth continues to struggle and resist their efforts.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:31:43 hrs., a female RPDPS officer (believed to be Officer F. Harnett) arrived at Wroth`s motel room. Initially, Officer Hartnett does not enter Wroth`s motel room and walks northbound on the west Budget Inn catwalk out of camera view.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:32:48 hrs., Officer Hartnett returns to Wroth`s motel room (remaining outside), while the first (1st) RPDPS fireman arrives directly behind her. Moments later, a second (2nd) RPDPS fireman arrives on scene.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:33:15 hrs., a third (3rd) RPDPS fireman arrives on scene. Moments later, a fourth (4th) RPDPS fireman arrives on scene. Not long thereafter, Officer Hartnett and a RPDPS fireman travel northbound on the west Budget Inn catwalk out of view. Moments later, Officer Hartnett comes back into camera view, before leaving once more northbound on the west catwalk.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:34:23 hrs., a RPDPS fireman returns to Wroth`s motel room and enters while carrying what appears to be an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Seconds later, Officer Hartnett returns to Wroth`s motel room, now carrying a large red colored bag.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:38:50 hrs., American Medical Response (AMR) staff (believed to be Paramedic K. Chaffe & EMT L. Gaetano) arrives at Wroth`s motel room. For several more minutes, fire/medical staff would remain inside Wroth`s motel room.

NOTE: During the course of this investigation, Sonoma County Sheriff`s Property Crimes Detective, Det. K. Petersen with interviewing Chaffe and Gaetano. Refer to Det. Petersen`s supplemental report.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:58:22 hrs., a RPDPS officer would erect crime scene tape around the exterior area of

oom[redacted]

On 5-12-17 at approx. 1600 hrs., AMR staff appears to leave Wroth`s motel room. However, what appears to be a RPDPS fireman remained at the scene (north of room [redacted] with what later appeared to be a crime scene log.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 1700 hrs., the video captured by camera #23 and contained on evidence item #1JJH concluded.

Refer to the Budget Inn CCTV surveillance video files downloaded on evidence item #1JJH for further details.

NOTE: It should be noted Budget Inn camera #23 faces southbound (toward Rohnert Park Expressway), but located above and just north of Wroth`s motel room[redacted].

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DISPOSITION:

Case closed.

Incident/Investigation Report

Agency: Sonoma County Sheriff's Department **Case Number:** 170512-027

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Supplement Information

Supplement Date	Supplement Type	Supplement Officer
11/15/2017 13:10:47	CHRO	(SD1627) HANSHEW, JESSE J
Contact Name		**Supervising Officer**
		(SD1408) MURPHY, SHAWN K

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Sonoma County Sheriff`s Office Case No. 170512-027
Rohnert Park Dept. of Public Safety Case No. 17-0001973
Sonoma County Coroner`s Office Case No. 17-0000510
Sonoma County Sheriff`s Office
Violent Crime Investigations Unit
Det. Hanshew #1627
Re: Summary of RPDPS Officer S. Huot`s BWC Recording

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SUPPLEMENT:

Wearing headphones, I carefully watched Officer S. Huot`s VIEVU BWC recording captured on a CD-R disc that was previously marked as evidence item #JJ01 and related to RPDPS CR#17-0001973. The following is a summary of the two (2) video files depicting Officer S. Huot`s BWC recordings during the incident:

On 5-12-17 at 15:28:33 hrs., Officer S. Huot`s BWC recording begins and depicts him approaching the northwest Budget Inn Motel stairwell while on his way to room [redacted]

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:28:54 hrs., Officer S. Huot arrived at rom[redacted] where he met with security guards, [redacted] and [redacted]. At the time, both security guards were standing on the catwalk, just outside room [redacted]

As Officer S. Huot begins to enter room[redacted] Officer Wattson can be seen speaking with Wroth inside. Additionally, Officer Wattson can be seen waiving Officer S. Huot back, as if motioning for him to remain out of the motel room for at least the time being.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:29:31 hrs., Officer S. Huot entered Wroth`s motel room. After which, the two make introductions to one another.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:30:19 hrs., Wroth stood-up from the west edge of the motel room bed. As he does so, Officer Wattson informs him that he was going to be placed into handcuffs. Additionally, Officer S. Huot`s BWC captures him grasping Wroth`s right arm.

Moments later, Wroth can be heard saying, "Please don't" before a violent struggle ensues while attempting to take him into custody. Officer S. Huot's BWC also captures Wroth making an attempt to escape his motel room via the west window which leads onto the west catwalk. As this was occurring, Wroth can be heard screaming, "Help!" A short time later, Officer S. Huot's BWC recording concluded during the struggle.

On 5-12-17 at 15:31:56 hrs., Officer S. Huot's BWC re-actives (video file #2), but the screen is blurred. Approximately thirty-two (32) seconds later, the screen becomes clear. After it does so, it is apparent that Officer S. Huot's BWC had fallen to the ground and was now located on the west Budget Inn catwalk, facing up toward the sky (near [redacted]. All the while, Wroth can be heard yelling, "Help me!" and "911!" In the distance, police sirens can be heard.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:33:14 hrs., Officer S. Huot's BWC remained on the west Budget Inn catwalk, while capturing RPDPS Officer Werle arrives on scene.

As Officer Werle enters motel room [redacted] Officer Wattson tells Officer Werle to "hit himhit himhit him." It was then that it appears by the sound in the video that strikes may have been delivered to Wroth's body before yelling, "Let go of him." Then, it appears by the sound in the video that two (2) additional strikes were delivered to Wroth's body (believed to be by Officer Werle) while yelling, "Get your arm behind your back!" Officer Wattson can be heard giving the same command ("Get your arm behind your back!"). All the while, a violent struggle appears to continue with Wroth.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:33:54 hrs., Officer S. Huot's BWC captures RPDPS Officer Harnett arriving on scene. Wroth would continue to scream after Officer Hartnett's arrival.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:34:38 hrs., [redacted] is asked to pick-up Officer S. Huot's BWC. After doing so [redacted] places Officer S. Huot's BWC on what appears to be the exterior portion of the motel room air conditioning unit (below the west window), facing up toward the roof. Approaching fire engines can be heard in the distance.

Then, [redacted] appears to move Officer S. Huot's BWC from where it was initially resting, before holding onto it for several minutes. As [redacted] was holding Officer S. Huot's BWC, conversation can be heard in the background. One of the subject speaking sounded like Officer Wattson. Then, it appears an officer (who is not seen) takes custody of Officer S. Huot's BWC.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:37:32 hrs., Officer S. Huot's BWC recording concludes.

Refer to Officer S. Huot's BWC recordings for further details.

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DISPOSITION:

Case closed.

Incident/Investigation Report

Agency: Sonoma County Sheriff's Department **Case Number:** 170512-027

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Supplement Date	Supplement Type	Supplement Officer
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Contact Name		**Supervising Officer**
		(SD1408) MURPHY, SHAWN K

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Sonoma County Sheriff`s Office Case No. 170512-027
Rohnert Park Dept. of Public Safety Case No. 17-0001973
Sonoma County Coroner`s Office Case No. 17-0000510
Sonoma County Sheriff`s Office
Violent Crime Investigations Unit
Det. Hanshew #1627
Re: Summary of RPDPS Officer F. Hartnett`s BWC Recording

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SUPPLEMENT:

Wearing headphones, I carefully watched RPDPS F. Officer Hartnett`s VIEVU BWC recording captured on a CD-R disc that was previously marked as evidence item #JJ01 and related to RPDPS CR#17-0001973. The following is a summary of the one (1) video file depicting Officer Hartnett`s BWC recordings during the incident:

On 5-12-17 at 15:32:30 hrs., Officer Hartnett`s BWC recording begins and depicts her driving in her patrol vehicle with sirens activated.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:33:25 hrs., Officer Hartnett appears to arrive at the Budget Inn Motel. After which, Officer Hartnett exits her patrol vehicle and trots toward motel room [redacted]

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:33:51 hrs., Officer Hartnett arrives at motel room [redacted] and encounters security guards, W-[redacted] and W-[redacted] who were standing on the west Budget Inn catwalk, just outside Wroth`s motel room.

As Officer Hartnett entered Wroth`s motel room, while her BWC captured RPDPS patrol supervisor, Sgt. E. Matzen who can be seen holding onto Wroth`s legs. Officer Hartnett`s BWC also captured Officer Werle standing to the left of Wroth, while Officer Wattson is knelt down with his arms extended holding onto Wroth`s handcuffed hands. About that time, Wroth can be heard yelling, "Help!"

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:34:09 hrs., Sgt. Matzen asks Officer Hartnett if she could retrieve a "hobble."

Officer Hartnett replies, "Yep," before turning around and returning to her patrol vehicle. There, Officer Hartnett retrieves (from the side pocket of her driver`s door panel) what appears to be a rolled-up red colored device made-up of material similar to tubular nylon. After which, Officer Hartnett trots back toward Wroth`s motel room, arriving at 15:34:58 hrs.

After arriving, Officer Hartnett BWC captures Sgt. Matzen holding Wroth`s legs which appears to be fashioned into a "figure-four." Officer Wattson is captured on Officer Hartnett`s BWC still holding a handcuffed Wroth on the ground, while Wroth lay in the prone (face down) position. At the time, Wroth`s buttocks are exposed. And, Officer Hartnett`s BWC captures RPDPS fire personnel standing behind Officers Wattson, Werle, and Sgt. Matzen.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:35:31 hrs., Officer Hartnett`s BWC captures Officer Werle saying, "Check himcheck himcheck him," before saying, "Check his facecheck his face." Moments later, someone responds, "He`s not breathing." Immediately, medical aid is rendered to Wroth. As this was occurring, Officer Hartnett exits Wroth`s motel room, before someone asks her to "Grab a AED."

After which, Officer Hartnett runs back to a nearby parked fire engine which was parked in the west Budget Inn parking lot. There, a RPDPS fireman then hands Officer Hartnett a red colored bag. The RPDPS fireman then ran back toward Wroth`s motel room, while Officer Hartnett followed a short distance behind.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:36:38 hrs., Officer Hartnett arrives at Wroth`s motel room and hands the bag off to someone else inside the motel room. After which, Officer Hartnett remained outside motel room [redacted] with RPDPS Officer Werle and Sgt. Matzen, but would move around from time-to-time.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:39:30 hrs., Officer Hartnett contacted [redacted] and [redacted] to obtain their statements related to the incident. As a result, Officer Hartnett would return to her patrol vehicle parked nearby and obtain RPDPS statements forms. After which, Officer Hartnett would return to the west Budget Inn catwalk and re-contact [redacted] and [redacted]

Officer Hartnett`s BWC recording would end after approx. eight (8) minutes and forty-nine seconds (49). Refer to Officer Hartnett`s BWC recording and her supplemental report related to RPDPS case #17-0001973.

During his investigation, I was also provided with RPDPS a CD-R disc that had been previously marked as evidence item #FH1. This CD-R disc not only contained the above Officer Hartnett BWC recording on evidence item #JJ01, but three (3) additional recordings related to Officer Hartnett`s BWC. The following is a summary of the aforementioned three video files:

The second of four video files was approx. two (2) minutes and nineteen (19) seconds in length and depicts Officer Hartnett speaking with [redacted] near the front lobby of the Budget Inn, while reading his hand-written statement.

The third video file was approx. seventeen (17) minutes and five (5) seconds in length and depicts Officer Hartnett with [redacted] both inside and outside the lobby of the Budget Inn. In essence, Officer Hartnett would obtain a statement from both [redacted] and [redacted]

The fourth video file was approx. three (3) minutes and forty-nine (49) seconds and depicts Officer Hartnett conducting and interview with Budget Inn staff in their lobby.

Refer to Officer Hartnett`s BWC recordings that was captured on evidence items #JJ01 and FH1, as well as

er supplemental report related to RPDPS case #17-0001973.

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DISPOSITION:

Case closed.

Incident/Investigation Report

Agency: Sonoma County Sheriff's Department **Case Number:** 170512-027

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Contact Name		**Supervising Officer**
		(SD1408) MURPHY, SHAWN K

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Sonoma County Sheriff`s Office Case No. 170512-027
Rohnert Park Dept. of Public Safety Case No. 17-0001973
Sonoma County Coroner`s Office Case No. 17-0000510
Sonoma County Sheriff`s Office
Violent Crime Investigations Unit
Det. Hanshew #1627
Re: Summary of RPDPS Patrol Supervisor, Sgt. E. Matzen`s BWC Recording

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SUPPLEMENT:

Wearing headphones, I carefully watched RPDPS patrol supervisor, Sgt. E. Matzen`s VIEVU BWC recording captured on a CD-R disc that was previously marked as evidence item #JJ01 and related to RPDPS CR#17-0001973. The following is a summary of the single (1) video file depicting Sgt. Matzen`s BWC recording during the incident:

On 5-12-17 at 15:32:58 hrs., Sgt. Matzen BWC recording begins as he is exiting his patrol vehicle which was parked near the north Budget Inn parking lot. As a matter of fact, Sgt. Matzen BWC captures him arriving at the same time as RPDPS Officer Werle. Both officers then run toward motel room [redacted], with Sgt. Matzen just behind Officer Werle.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:33:14 hrs., Sgt. Matzen and Officer Werle arrived at Wroth`s motel room. There, they encountered security guards, W-[redacted] and W-[redacted] who were standing just outside Wroth`s motel room, on the west Budget Inn catwalk.

Officer Werle was the first to enter Budget Inn motel room #[redacted] As Sgt. Matzen attempted to enter Wroth`s motel room, his BWC captures Officer Werle strike Wroth twice with a flashlight in his left hand. As he did so, Officer Werle orders Wroth to "let go of him." At the time, Officer Werle was standing near Wroth`s legs, just inside the motel room door. Officer Werle then uses his flashlight to strike Wroth once more as he issues the order, "Get your arm behind your back." All the while, Wroth can be heard screaming.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:33:19 hrs., Sgt. Matzen`s BWC captured what RPDPS Officer M. Huot arrive. Upon

is arrival, Officer M. Huot passed behind Officer Werle and position himself near Wroth`s head.

NOTE: During our interview with Officer M. Huot, I learned that he had not activated his BWC during this incident.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:33:26 hrs., Sgt. Matzen`s BWC captured him attempting to grab onto and control Wroth`s legs into what appeared to me to be a "figure-four." However, it was apparent (via Sgt. Matzen`s BWC video) that he was having extreme difficulty doing so. This was due to Wroth violently threshing his legs, which at one point end up breaking the threshold of his motel room door toward the west Budget Inn catwalk. All the while, I could hear commands being issued such as, "Put your hands behind your backdo it now" and "Stop resisting!"

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:33:43 hrs., Sgt. Matzen BWC recording becomes stable and appears to depict him being successful in control Wroth`s legs. As a result, Sgt. Matzen`s BWC was facing southbound (toward Wroth`s head), which captured everything from his buttocks to his head.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:33:44 hrs., Sgt. Matzen BWC captured Wroth`s hands being placed into handcuffs behind his back. During the handcuffing process and afterward, Wroth is captured by Sgt. Matzen`s BWC lying face down, wearing a dark colored shirt, his buttocks exposed, his head is pointing southbound (toward Rohnert Park Expressway), and his feet pointing to the north (toward Santa Rosa). As a matter of fact, Wroth`s body is adjacent to the west motel room wall (near the air conditioner). Wroth continues to yell (e.g., "Help") and Sgt. Matzen`s BWC captures his hands moving while handcuffed.

n 5-12-17 at approx. 15:34:16 hrs., Sgt. Matzen`s BWC captured Officer Wattson place his left knee high on Wroth`s back, near the left side of his neck and left shoulder. Officer Wattson`s left hand is positioned at the center of Wroth`s back, while his right hand is positioned at his handcuffed hands. Officer M. Huot is captured by Sgt. Matzen`s BWC positioned near Wroth`s heard, with his left hand on the upper portion of his back.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:34:23 hrs., Sgt. Matzen`s BWC captured Officer M. Huot place his left knee onto the upper/right portion of Wroth`s back.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:34:24 hrs., Sgt. Matzen`s BWC appeared to capture Wroth say, "I can`t breathe," while continuing to yell out. All the while, Sgt. Matzen`s BWC captured Wroth handcuffed hands moving about.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:34:38 hrs., Sgt. Matzen`s BWC captured Officer M. Huot remove his left knee from Wroth`s back, but continue to hold him down via his left hand. As that occurred, it appeared to me that Wroth`s head was free to move about.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:34:51 hrs., Sgt. Matzen`s BWC captured Wroth`s hands moving, specifically, grasping one another. Wroth can also be seen moving his body.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:35:07 hrs., Sgt. Matzen`s BWC captured Wroth`s right hand open completely, exposing the inner portion. Moments later, Wroth`s left hand grasps his right as someone asks if they should v moving his body away from the wall toward the bed.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:35:29 hrs., Sgt. Matzen`s BWC captured Officer Werle saying, "Check himcheck himcheck him." Officer M. Huot then grabbed onto Wroth`s clothing before appearing to shake him.

Moments later, Officer Werle is captured saying, "Check his facecheck his face." Officer M. Huot then checked Wroth`s face before saying, "He`s not breaking."

Sgt. Matzen`s BWC then captured him releasing Wroth`s legs, Officer Wattson getting up, and Officer M. Huot getting up before moving away from Wroth. Within seconds, staff from the RPDPS fire Department (who were already in the motel room) began rendering aid to Wroth, including CPR on the motel room floor.

On 5-12-17 at approx. 15:36:30 hrs., Sgt. Matzen BWC captured him asking Officer Wattson about the details regarding the call-for-service. Officer Wattson can be heard telling Sgt. Matzen that it was a "check-the-welfare" for a subject "acting bizarre." In the background, Sgt. Matzen`s BWC captured what sounds like AED machine prompts.

Officer Wattson continues to tell Sgt. Matzen that he "ran him" (Wroth for wants/warrants), which revealed Wroth had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. According to Officer Mattson, when he tried to place Wroth into handcuffs before the "fight was on."

Sgt. Matzen`s BWC also captured him asking Officer Wattson how many times he Tased Wroth. However, Officer Wattson did not verbalize his response and it was not heard on the recording. Officer Wattson is then captured telling Sgt. Matzen that the Taser deployment had a "minimal" effect on Wroth.

Sgt. Matzen`s BWC would continue to capture him leaving Wroth`s motel room to "make some phone calls." Sgt. Matzen would then return to his parked patrol vehicle to obtain his phone and make what appeared to be notification to his supervisor.

Near his parked patrol vehicle, Sgt. Matzen would again meet with Officer Wattson and obtained a verbal statement from him. In essence, Officer Wattson would again tell Sgt. Matzen that he was dispatched to a "check-the-welfare" of a subject "acting bizarre." Officer Wattson continued by telling Sgt. Matzen that when he encountered Wroth he was "ripping his clothes," therefore, he had Wroth sit down.

According to Officer Wattson, he explained to Sgt. Matzen that when he "ran him out," he learned Wroth had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. Officer Wattson further explained that he tried to get Wroth to put his pants on and did not try to take him into custody until Officer S. Huot arrived. Officer Wattson continued by explaining that as soon as he "went hands on," but Sgt. Matzen`s BWC recording concluded. Therefore, I was unable to listen to or finish Officer Wattson`s statement to Sgt. Matzen.

Refer to Sgt. Matzen`s BWC recording for further details.

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DISPOSITION:

Case closed.

Incident/Investigation Report

Agency: Sonoma County Sheriff's Department **Case Number:** 170512-027

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Supplement Date	Supplement Type	Supplement Officer
11/29/2017 09:59:00	DISCOVERY DOCUMENTS	(SD1627) HANSHEW, JESSE J
Contact Name		Supervising Officer
		(SD1696) LUCAS, JASON J

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Sonoma County Sheriff's Office Case No. 170512-027
Rohnert Park Dept. of Public Safety Case No. 17-0001973
Sonoma County Coroner's Office Case No. 17-0000510
Sonoma County Sheriff's Office
Violent Crime Investigations Unit
Det. Hanshew #1627
Re: Compliance with United States District Court Subpoena

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SUPPLEMENT:

After the Thanksgiving Holiday on Monday, 11-28-17, at approx. 0930 hrs., attorney J. Myers with Sonoma County Counsel provided me (via email) with a subpoena from the United States District Court for the Northern District of California (civil action #3:7-cv-05339-JST).

Essentially, the subpoena commanded the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office to produce the audio/video recording(s) depicting the autopsy of Branch Wroth by the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office in May, 2017. Also, the subpoena directed the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office to provide the audio/video recording(s) to John Houston Scott at the Scott Law Firm located at [redacted] by 11-29-17 at 1000 hrs.

NOTE: Later, I scanned the above subpoena into the "attachments" module of this I/leads reports. See attached.

On 11-28-17 at approx. 1324 hrs., I obtained the thumb drive (via SCSO property/evidence) containing several audio/video files depicting the autopsy of Wroth (item #TDN2). After which, my goal was to simply copy the files onto another thumb drive and send it (via UPS overnight mail) to the Scott Law Firm as directed. However, during the copying process there was technical difficulties and the files failed to copy before the last UPS overnight package could be sent out so that the Scott Law Firm would receive item TDN2 the following morning (on 11-29-17).

As a result of the technical difficulties, Sonoma County Sheriff's Office Violent Crime Investigations Bureau

upervisor, Lt. T. Duke called the Scott Law Firm approx. 2-3 times via the phone number depicted on the ace of the above subpoena [redacted] The hope was that Lt. Duke would be able to speak with John Scott, or his representative, to explain the difficulty we were experiencing and the efforts being made to produce the above item in a timely manner. However, Lt. Duke's calls went to voicemail and no one ever called him back.

The following morning, on 11-29-17 at approx. 0810 hrs., I again called the Scott Law Firm via the phone number depicted on the attached subpoena [redacted]. However, no one answered.

On 11-29-17 at approx. 0812 hrs., I telephoned J. Myers with Sonoma County Counsel. I explained to Myers the technical difficulties we experienced in copying the audio/video files depicting the Wroth autopsy and that evidence item #TDN2 was being sent this morning to the Scott Law Firm. Myers understood and stated he would contact the plaintiff's attorney, Izaak Schwaiger to explain the above issues.

On 11-29-17 at approx. 0815 hrs., I packaged (in a manila envelope) evidence item #TDN2 which also contained a copy of the above subpoena and a declaration from the custodian of records. After which, I tape sealed the manila envelope using evidence tape, before initially the tape itself.

I then contacted Sonoma County Sheriff's Office Purchasing Technician, B. Suomala. In my presence, I had Technician Suomala seal the above manila envelope into a UPS overnight envelope for next-day service (UPS tracking [redacted]. According to Technician Suomala, I should anticipate the overnight UPS envelope arriving at the Scott Law Firm first thing in the morning on 11-30-17.

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DISPOSITION:

Case closed.

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Incident/Investigation Report

Agency: Sonoma County Sheriff's Department **Case Number:** 170512-027

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Supplement Date	Supplement Type	Supplement Officer
09/29/2017 12:11:22	FOLLOW UP	(SD1041) TONEY, JEFF
Contact Name		**Supervising Officer**
		(SD530) MCALVAIN, SHANNON

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Other Persons Involved

Name Code	Seq. #	Name (Last, First, M)	Race	Sex
Reporting Party	1	[redacted]		

Address	DOB	Age	Cell Phone	Home Phone
[redacted]				

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
[redacted]	

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Supplemental Investigative Report
Case # 170512-027
Sonoma County Sheriff's Office
Detective Jeff Toney
Violent Crime Investigations Unit (VCI)

NOTIFICATION

On 05/12/2017, at approximately 1640 hours, Sonoma County Sheriff's VCI Sergeant Shannon McAlvain telephoned me at home and advised the Rohnert Park Police Department had just been involved in an incident where a subject died in their custody. The Chiefs County Wide Fatal Incident Protocol was invoked and approved by our administration to assist with the investigation. Sergeant McAlvain requested I respond to the Sheriff's Main Office Investigations Bureau.

I arrived at the Sheriff's main office at approximately 1715 hours and met with Sergeant McAlvain and VCI Detective Jesse Hanshew. I reviewed the I/NetViewer computer generated event chronology related to the Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety's incident, number RP171320091. The Sonoma County District Attorney's Office was contacted and advised.

At approximately 1803 hours, Sonoma County Deputy District Attorney Barbara Nanney and District Attorney Investigator, Denise Urton, arrived at the Sheriff's office and we briefed them on the preliminary circumstances involving the incident now being investigated. Per Sergeant McAlvain, we would be responding to the Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety (RPDPS) Office to receive an incident briefing.

BRIEFING

I arrived at RPDPS at approximately 1855 hours where the following personnel were present: RPDPS Detective Chris Thompson, RPDPS Director Brian Masterson, RPDPS Detective John Kempf, SCSO PCI Detective Richard Sedgwick, SCSO VCI Intern Nicholas Mueller, SCSO VCI Detective Jayson Fowler, SCSO VCI Detective Jesse Hanshew, SCSO VCI Sergeant Shannon McAlvain, SCSO Lieutenant Ruben Martinez, SCSO CSI Detective Dylan Fong, SCSO CSI Detective Matt Parlato, SCSO CSI Detective Troy Newton, SCSO PCI Detective Kyle Petersen, SCSO PCI Sergeant Shawn Murphy, SCSO PCI Detective Scott McKinnon, SCSO CSI Sergeant Vance Eaton, Sonoma County Deputy District Attorney Barbara Nanney and Sonoma County District Attorney Investigator, Denise Urton.

At approximately 1920 hours, RPDPS Sergeant, Jeff Justice, provided an incident briefing. In summary, I learned earlier today at approximately 1511 hours, [redacted] a security guard at the Budget Inn, called the Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety in reference to a paranoid male subject in a room acting strange. RPDPS Officers were dispatched to room [redacted] at the Budget Inn, located at 6298 Redwood Drive, Rohnert Park, to check the welfare of a paranoid male subject acting strangely in his room. The involved Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety Officers were identified as Officer Sean Huot, Sergeant Eric Matzen, Officer Michael Werle, Officer David Wattson and Officer Matthew Huot.

Per Sergeant Justice, RPDPS Officer Dave Watson was first on scene and he contacted the subject who was identified as Branch Christopher Wroth. During the contact, it was determined that Wroth had an outstanding misdemeanor arrest warrant in Sonoma County, case number [redacted] While the officers attempted to arrest Wroth and restrain him in handcuffs, Wroth physically resisted their efforts and he attempted to flee out of the motel window.

Officer Wattson deployed his Taser at Wroth, but Wroth continued to violently resist. RPDPS Officer Michael Werle, Sergeant Eric Matzen and Officer Sean Huot responded to the hotel and were described as being involved with the physical altercation with Branch Wroth. Wroth was ultimately handcuffed and it was immediately discovered that he was not breathing. Officers immediately began rendering CPR and Wroth was ultimately pronounced deceased. RPDPS Sergeant Justice played the video from Officer Wattson's body worn camera.

After viewing Officer Wattson's body worn camera video, Sergeant Justice informed us the security guards who witnessed the incident were currently in separate interview rooms at the Rohnert Park Police Department.

End of briefing

After the briefing, Sergeant McAlvain delegated our respective investigative assignments. I was tasked with assisting Detective Hanshew with conducting the witness and involved officer interviews.

Detective Hanshew and I responded to the Budget Inn to better familiarize ourselves with the scene setting. We arrived at the Budget Inn at approximately 2025 hours. The motel is situated on the corner of Rohnert Park Expressway and Redwood Drive, Rohnert Park.

I noted room [redacted] was located on the second floor, facing west onto Redwood Drive. The area around the second floor balcony room was cordoned with crime scene tape and the scene was being managed by two detectives from the Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety. After viewing the outer perimeter crime scene we returned to the RPDPS office.

INTERVIEW WITH [redacted] by: DETECTIVE JEFF TONEY

At approximately 2044 hours, I conducted an audio/video recorded interview with [redacted] at the Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety Investigations interview room. The recorded interview was later transferred to a DVD-R data disc which I marked as evidence item JT-1. I later booked the data disc into evidence at the main Sheriff's office Property/Evidence Room.

The following is a brief summary of the statements [redacted] provided during the interview. Refer to the DVD-R data disc and the attached authenticated transcripts for exact statements of the interview in its entirety.

I contacted [redacted] and introduced myself. I explained the purpose of the contact and gathered [redacted] identification information. [redacted] has been the owner and operator of California Protection Services, since 2011. California Protection Services provides armed and unarmed physical security and mobile patrols throughout Sonoma County [redacted] company has a current contract with the Budget Inn, located at 6298 Redwood Drive, Rohnert Park, CA.

Earlier today, at approximately 1358 hours, [redacted] received a telephone call from the front desk clerk at the Budget Inn stating they had a guest in room [redacted] who was refusing to leave, after having been told to check out at 11:00. The guest was later identified as Branch Christopher Wroth.

According to [redacted] he was told a Budget Inn maid had entered the room earlier to clean and she encountered Wroth standing naked in the room. The maid told Wroth he needed to leave, but he refused. After hearing the report from the maid, the front desk clerk responded to the room in an attempt to contact Wroth and move him along as he was occupying the room beyond the required 11:00 AM checkout.

[redacted] and his employee security guard, [redacted], responded to the Budget Inn room [redacted] and arrived at approximately 1430 hours. They knocked on the door and they could hear the shower going, but they couldn't see anyone through the window. With the assistance of the front desk clerk, [redacted] and [redacted] entered the room to hear Wroth screaming in the bathroom. [redacted] said he told Wroth to get out of the shower. Wroth exited the bathroom and stood there naked. He told [redacted] he didn't feel good. [redacted] offered to call for an ambulance, but Wroth declined. [redacted] told Wroth he needed to get dressed.

According to [redacted] he could tell there was something not right about Wroth. He described how Wroth seemed to have difficulty focusing and he was fidgety. [redacted] said Wroth didn't seem like he was tracking. After conciliating with him for approximately 15 to 20 minutes to get dressed, Wroth put on his socks and pants. Wroth then grabbed his shirt and began ripping it with his hands. At this point, [redacted] said he determined he needed to call the Rohnert Park Police. [redacted] said he made the call to the police at approximately 1510 hours.

[redacted] said while they were waiting for the Rohnert Park police, Wroth started emptying his bag, throwing everything all over the place. [redacted] said he continued offering Wroth an ambulance as they waited for the police, but he continued to decline his offer. He said Wroth began acting more and more agitated as they were speaking with him and his motions were aggressive. Seeing Wroth's demeanor escalate, [redacted] called the police again at approximately 1518 hours, to inquire when they would be arriving.

During my interview with [redacted], he provided a detailed narrative account of his observations, interactions, and statements made during his contact with Branch Christopher Wroth. He also provided a detailed account of the events which occurred when the Rohnert Park Police arrived on scene at the Budget Inn room [redacted]

My audio/video recorded interview with [redacted] was concluded at approximately 2113 hours.

Refer to the DVD-R data disc (JT-1) and authenticated transcripts from this interview in its entirety.

INITIAL INTERVIEW DEBRIEF

While I was interviewing [redacted] Detective Jesse Hanshew conducted an audio/video recorded interview with [redacted] employee, [redacted] When we were through, we met and discussed our respective interviews. It was concluded that all statements and accounts were appropriate for their knowledge of the events which occurred.

SCENE

At approximately 2333 hours, Detective Hanshew, Sergeant McAlvain and I returned to the Budget Inn to view the crime scene. At approximately 2351 hours, Sonoma County Sheriff`s Property Crimes Detective, Scott McKinnon, advised that a search warrant authorizing the search and seizure of property within room # [redacted] of the Budget Inn had been signed by a Sonoma County Superior Court Judge.

At approximately 0002 hours, I signed into the Major Incident Access Log and entered the cordoned area of the crime scene. I did not enter the motel room, but viewed the scene from outside the door of room [redacted] Sonoma County Sheriff`s Crime Scene Investigations Detective, Dylan Fong, was processing the scene.

I observed subject Branch Wroth lying supine within the room with his head facing towards the north wall and his feet facing the south wall. Wroth was not wearing any clothing and his hands were behind his back. Wroth`s body was discolored and there was an artificial airway tube protruding from his mouth. The room itself was in disarray and there was a large amount of medical waste on the floor around Wroth`s body. I observed a Taser cartridge lying on a table which was situated against the north wall. After viewing the scene, I signed out of the Major Incident Access Log at approximately 0007 hours.

Detective Hanshew and I responded to the Double Tree Hotel, located at 1 Doubletree Drive, Rohnert Park, CA. to conduct interviews with the involved RPDPS officer`s.

INTERVIEW WITH ROHNERT PARK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERGEANT ERIC MATZEN # RP350 BY: DETECTIVE JEFF TONEY

On 05/13/2017, at approximately 0144 hours, I conducted a digital audio recorded interview with Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety Sergeant Eric Matzen, badge # RP350. The interview was conducted in a private hotel room [redacted] at the Double Tree Hotel located at 1 Doubletree Drive Rohnert Park, CA.

Detective Jesse Hanshew was present along with Sergeant Eric Matzen`s attorney, Vance Piggott, from Rains Lucia Stern St. Phalle & Silver, PC. The interview was observed via closed-circuit television in room # [redacted] by Sonoma County Deputy District Attorney, Barbara Nanney, and District Attorney Investigator, Denise Urton.

The recorded interview was later transferred to a CD-R data disc which I labeled as evidence item # JT-2 for future reference. I later booked this item into evidence at the Sheriff`s main office Property/Evidence Room.

Utilizing the format of the Sonoma County Sheriff`s Office Critical Incident Guidelines Manual, I directed the interview in accordance with the "Involved Officer Interviews".

I began the interview by having all persons present introduce themselves for the record, and I clarified with Sergeant Matzen that he was being interviewed as a witness in this investigation. Sergeant Matzen acknowledged affirmatively that his presence was voluntary and he agreed to provide me his statement.

When questioned, Sergeant Matzen acknowledged that he was given ample time to meet and speak with his attorney prior to providing his voluntary statement at this time. He also acknowledged in the affirmitive that he`s had ample time to gather his thoughts and otherwise prepare for this interview and there was nothing that would hinder him from providing his statement at this time.

When questioned, Sergeant Matzen agreed and answered in the affirmitive, that although he and I have had the opportunity to meet and work jointly during investigations, it was fair to say we do not have a close friendship or relationship outside of the workplace. I advised Sergeant Matzen he was free to leave at any time and that he was not obligated to answer any of my questions.

Additionally, I explained that if at any point in time during the interview he wished to take a break and consult with his attorney he could tell me and I would accommodate him. Sergeant Matzen acknowledged he understood.

I began asking Sergeant Matzen a series of questions using the standard county wide incident protocol guidelines. My interview with Sergeant Matzen was completed at approximately 0220 hours. Refer to the evidentiary CD-R data disc and the attached authenticated transcripts for the exact statements obtained from Sergeant Matzen during this interview.

INTERVIEW WITH ROHNERT PARK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER MATTHEW HUOT # RP498 BY: DETECTIVE JEFF TONEY

On 05/13/2017, at approximately 0312 hours, I conducted a digital audio recorded interview with Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety Officer Matthew Huot, badge # RP498. The interview was conducted in a private hotel room, [redacted] at the Double Tree Hotel located at 1 Doubletree Drive Rohnert Park, CA.

Detective Jesse Hanshew was present along with Officer Matthew Huot`s attorney, Vance Piggott, from Rains Lucia Stern St. Phalle & Silver, PC. The interview was observed via closed-circuit television in room [redacted] by Sonoma County Deputy District Attorney, Barbara Nanney, and District Attorney Investigator, Denise Urton.

The recorded interview was later transferred to a CD-R data disc which I labeled as evidence item # JT-3 for future reference. I later booked this item into evidence at the Sheriff`s main office Property/Evidence Room.

Utilizing the format of the Sonoma County Sheriff`s Office Critical Incident Guidelines Manual, I directed the interview in accordance with the "Involved Officer Interviews".

I began the interview by having all persons present introduce themselves for the record, and I clarified with Officer Matthew Huot that he was being interviewed as a witness in this investigation. Officer Matthew Huot acknowledged affirmatively that his presence was voluntary and he agreed to provide me his statement.

When questioned, Officer Matthew Huot acknowledged that he was given ample time to meet and speak with his attorney prior to providing his voluntary statement at this time. He also acknowledged in the affirmitive that he`s had ample time to gather his thoughts in preparation of this interview and there was nothing that would hinder him from providing his statement at this time.

When questioned, Officer Matthew Huot agreed and answered in the affirmitive, that although he and I work as sworn peace officers in the same County, it was fair to say we are not friends, or acquaintances. I advised Officer Matthew Huot he was free to leave at any time and that he was not obligated to answer any of my questions.

Additionally, I explained that if at any point in time during the interview he wished to take a break and consult

vith his attorney he could tell me and I would accommodate him. Officer Matthew Huot acknowledged he nderstood.

I began asking Officer Matthew Huot a series of questions using the standard county wide incident protocol guidelines. My interview with Officer Matthew Huot was completed at approximately 0348 hours. Refer to the evidentiary CD-R data disc and the attached authenticated transcripts for the exact statements obtained from Officer Matthew Huot during this interview.

In addition to conducting my interviews with RPDPS Officer Matthew Huot and Sergeant Eric Matzen, I also monitored and was present during Detective Jesse Hanshew's interviews with RPDPS Officers Sean Huot, Michael Werle, and David Wattson.

After all the interviews were completed, Detective Hanshew and I left the Double Tree Hotel at approximately 0454 hours.

Nothing further

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Supplement Information

Supplement Date	Supplement Type	Supplement Officer
10/26/2017 12:20:27	ATTACHMENT ADDED	(SD1041) TONEY, JEFF
Contact Name		**Supervising Officer**
		(SD530) MCALVAIN, SHANNON

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Supplement Narrative

Attached authenticated transcripts from my audio recorded interview with California Protection Services, Owner and Operator, [redacted] on 05/12/2017.

Incident/Investigation Report

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10/26/2017 12:38:15	ATTACHMENT ADDED	(SD1041) TONEY, JEFF
Contact Name		**Supervising Officer**
		(SD530) MCALVAIN, SHANNON

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Supplement Narrative

Attached authenticated transcripts from my audio recorded interview with Rohnert Park Department of Publice Safety, Officer Matthew Huot on 05/13/2017.

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Supplement Date	Supplement Type	Supplement Officer
10/26/2017 12:41:26	ATTACHMENT ADDED	(SD1041) TONEY, JEFF
Contact Name		**Supervising Officer**
		(SD530) MCALVAIN, SHANNON

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Supplement Narrative

Attached authenticated transcripts from my audio recorded interview with Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety, Sergeant Eric Matzen on 05/13/2017.

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Incident/Investigation Report

Agency: Sonoma County Sheriff's Department **Case Number:** 170512-027

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Supplement Information

Supplement Date	Supplement Type	Supplement Officer
05/15/2017 15:02:01	FOLLOW UP	(SD1917) HORSMAN, JOSEPH D
Contact Name		**Supervising Officer** (SD530) MCALVAIN, SHANNON

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Witnesses

Seq. #	Name (Last, First, M)	Race	Sex	DOB	Age
1	[redacted]				

Address	Cell Phone	Home Phone
[redacted]		

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
[redacted]	

Witness Type

Witness Notes

Incident/Investigation Report

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Supplement Narrative

VIOLENT CRIME INVESTIGATIONS UNIT
VCI DETECTIVE JOSEPH HORSMAN
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT
HOUSEKEEPING STAFF INTERVIEW
PERSON INTERVIEWED- [redacted]
CASE # 170512-027

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Phone call and in-person interview audio recorded and placed into Evidence as Item JH-1

On 05/15/2017, at approximately 1100 hours, VCI Lead Detective Jesse Hanshew requested I interview [redacted] He said she was a maid at the Budget Inn Motel where this incident took place, and provided me her phone number [redacted] At approximately 1130 hours I called her. She answered and told me she only spoke Spanish. I speak Spanish, and arranged to meet with her at the Motel where she said she was currently working.

I met with her at approximately 1145 hours in the front lobby of the Motel. I explained to her I wanted to know about anything she may have seen or heard related to this incident. She relayed the following in summary:

She has worked at the Motel for approximately 6 months cleaning rooms. On Friday at approximately 1100 hours she knocked on the door of room [redacted] which she was scheduled to clean. A person replied "10 minutes". She returned at approximately 1345 hours. She said she could see a backpack on the bed so she didn't even knock. She went to the front desk to tell the person working the front desk that the person in room [redacted] was still there. She ultimately finished cleaning rooms [redacted] and [redacted] while the front desk person went to get the person in room [redacted] to leave. She said he initially asked her to accompany him, but she told him no because it was his job and many times customers could be rude. Shortly thereafter she returned to the front desk to see if the person in room [redacted] was staying or leaving because she had to go home. The front desk employee told her security was on the way to get him out and requested she wait around for approximately 20 minutes to clean the room.

She ultimately waited 3-4 rooms down from room [redacted] which she describes as being on the upper level and back side of the Motel complex. She said 2 security guards arrived and opened the door of [redacted]. She said she could hear them conversing in English, which she really didn't understand. She said she could hear them saying that he had to go and that he hadn't paid. She described the person in the room as being aggressive and yelling. She could hear him saying something to the effect of it being his room and for them to respect his room. She said the security guards remained outside the room with the door open. She estimated she was upstairs waiting as this transpired for approximately 15 minutes. She estimated she first began waiting at approximately 1445 hours, and ultimately left and returned to the front lobby at approximately 1500 hours. She said upon leaving, the security guards remained outside the door of room [redacted]. She presumed they were waiting for police.

Upon returning to the front lobby she was recruited by another worker to assist cleaning other rooms located near the lobby. Upon finishing, she returned to the front lobby to turn in paperwork and noticed police cars

ntering the parking lot at a high rate of speed with lights and sirens (approximately 1545 hours). She left ıortly thereafter and did not witness anything else.

Nothing further. Refer to Audio recording (JH-1) for further details and exact statements.

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Incident/Investigation Report

Agency: Sonoma County Sheriff's Department **Case Number:** 170512-027

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Supplement Information

Supplement Date	Supplement Type	Supplement Officer
05/22/2017 09:48:45	FOLLOW UP	(SD1813) FOWLER, JAYSON J
Contact Name		**Supervising Officer**
		(SD530) MCALVAIN, SHANNON

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Supplement Narrative

Supplemental Report
Sonoma County Sheriff's Office
Case # SD170512-027
Detective Jayson Fowler
Violent Crimes Investigation Bureau

NOTIFICATION

On 05/12/2017, at approximately 1642 hours, I received a telephone call from SCSO VCI Sgt. S. McAlvain informing me of a Fatal Incident Protocol Investigation we would be conducting. Sgt. McAlvain further explained how a male subject died while being placed under arrest by officers with the Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety. Sgt. McAlvain requested I respond to the RPDPS headquarters to attend a briefing about the impending investigation. I responded to the RPDPS headquarters and arrived at approximately 1900 hours.

BRIEFING

On 05/12/2017, at approximately 1921 hours, RPDPS Investigations Sgt. J. Justice provided a briefing into the circumstances surrounding the invocation of the Fatal Incident Protocol. Present during the briefing were several members of the SCSO Investigations Bureau as well as Sonoma County Deputy District Attorney B. Nanney and Sonoma County District Attorney Investigator D. Urton.

Sgt. Justice explained how officers from RPDPS were dispatched to the Budget Inn, 6298 Redwood Dr. Rohnert Park to check the welfare of a guest who had been acting strangely. A RPDPS Officer contacted the guest, who was later identified as Branch Wroth. A records check of Wroth was conducted and the Officer learned Wroth had a warrant out for his arrest. When RPDPS Officers attempted to take Wroth into custody he resisted. RPDPS Officers used a Taser in an effort to gain Wroth's compliance. Wroth was eventually handcuffed and RPDPS Officers discovered Wroth was not breathing and unresponsive. RPDPS Officers immediately rendered medical aid to Wroth, but he ultimately died on scene in the hotel room.

At the conclusion of the briefing members of the SCSO Investigations Unit met and the lead detective

handling the investigation, VCI Detective J. Hanshew, assigned all the necessary tasks to the detectives present. Detective Hanshew tasked me with notifying and interviewing Wroth`s next of kin.

NOTIFICATION OF WROTH FAMILY

NOTE: prior to notifying the Wroth family I telephoned SCSO Dispatch and requested they notify the on call Chaplain, tell them we may be utilizing their services, and to stand by while we contacted the family.

On 05/12/2017, at approximately 2228 hours, SCSO Coroner Detective L. Bottomley and I arrived at [redacted] in an attempt to notify Branch Wroth`s mother, [redacted] of her son`s death. We knocked on the door and were ultimately met by [redacted] Branch`s brother. The following is a summary of the contact with [redacted]

NOTE: I recorded the contact with [redacted] on my digital audio recorder. The contact was later downloaded to a CD-R, marked for identification as item JF01, and placed into evidence. See item JF01 for exact statements.

I showed [redacted] my department issued badge and credentials and asked to speak with his mother [redacted] told me [redacted] was not at home. Detective Bottomley asked [redacted] if he was Branch`s brother [redacted] explained how Branch was his older brother. [redacted] asked if there was a problem or had Branch been hurt. I told [redacted] there was and told him that was the reason we were there attempting to speak with his mother. [redacted] again stated his mother was not home. I asked [redacted] if we could come inside and talk with him. [redacted] declined the request by saying, "No, not at the moment". [redacted] asked if Branch was hurt and was he okay. I told [redacted] Branch was not okay and that again was the reason we were there [redacted] told me he last knew Branch was in jail. I explained to [redacted] that Branch was not in jail. [redacted] asked if Branch was in the hospital. I told [redacted] I would rather have the conversation inside, but he declined the request again. Detective Bottomley asked [redacted] for his first name, which he provided. After learning [redacted] first name, Detective Bottomley informed [redacted] that his brother had died.

[redacted] girlfriend (unknown name), asked what had happened. We explained to them both that we wanted to come inside to explain everything to them [redacted] told us he couldn`t have us in his house. Detective Bottomley explained to [redacted] we didn`t care about what illegal things he may have inside his house and we merely wanted to explain what had happened to his brother. [redacted] said there was nothing more he could do and he would figure out the details at a later time.

Detective Bottomley provided [redacted] with a Coroner`s Office Pamphlet and I provided him with my business card. [redacted] told me he would pass my information on to his mother. Detective Bottomley explained to [redacted] Branch`s body would be going to the Coroner`s Office. We told [redacted] we were sorry for his loss as he shut the front door to the residence. Detective Bottomley and I returned to the SCSO Main Office.

Once back at the SCSO Main Office I telephoned SCSO Dispatch and requested they call the Chaplaincy service and inform them we were not going to need their service. I also received a voicemail message from [redacted] requesting I call him back.

On 05/12/2017, at approximately 2309 hours, I telephoned [redacted] and had a brief conversation with him. I recorded the telephone conversation with my audio recorder. I later transferred the recorded conversation to a CD-R, marked it for future identification as item JF02, and later placed it into evidence. The following is a

ummary of the telephone conversation I had wit[redacted] See item JF02 for exact statements.

[redacted] explained he was in shock when Detective Bottomley and I spoke with him at his residence. [redacted] asked me to provide more specific details about the circumstances leeding to the death of his brother. I explained to [redacted] Branch had died during an incident with Officers from RPDPS in the city of Rohnert Park earlier in the day. I told [redacted] we had come to his residence to speak with his mother for several reasons. One being to notify her of her son`s death and the other to get some background information about Branch. I asked [redacted] if he could provide me with the information I was looking for or was his mother the best person to provide the information to me [redacted] stated his mother would be the best person to provide me with the information I was looking for.

[redacted] asked me what the cause of death was. I told [redacted] it was undetermined and it would ultimately be determined by the SCSO Coroner`s Office. [redacted] asked if he could see Branch`s body and explained to him arrangements would have to be made through the Coroner`s Office [redacted] stated he did not have the number for Detective Bottomley. I told [redacted] t was contained within the pamphlet Detective Bottomley provided him while we were at his residence.

I explained to [redacted] the autopsy for his brother would probably be scheduled for Monday 5/15/2017, but he would have to contact the Coroner`s Office for further information. I again asked [redacted] to pass my telephone number to his mother.

CENE

On 05/12/2017, at approximately 2333 hours, I met with Sgt. McAlvain and fellow VCI Detectives J. Toney and J. Hanshew at the Budget Inn in Rohnert Park and awaited the signing of the search warrant authorizing us to search room [redacted] the room registered to Branch Wroth. I was informed by Detective S. McKinnon the search warrant was signed by Judge V. Marcoida at approximately 2310 hours.

I stood by in room number [redacted] while members with the SCSO CSI unit photographed and conducted a 3D scan of the scene. I signed into the Major Incident Log at approximately 0032 hours. I entered room [redacted] where I noticed the decedent lying on the floor of the hotel room with medical waste near and around his body. I stood by as CSI Detectives processed the scene. See supplemental reports authored by SCSO CSI Detectives for evidence collected from the scene.

While CSI Detectives processed the scene I received several telephone calls from SCSO Dispatch and Sgt. McAlvain informing me several of Branch`s immediate family were calling in wanting to know the circumstances surrounding his death.

On 05/13/2017, at approximately 0046 hours, I left a voicemail message for [redacted] at telephone number [redacted] requesting she call me back seeing as she had left me a message requesting a telephone call. I recorded the voicemail message I left with my audio recorder. I later transferred the recording to a CD-R, marked it for future identification as item JF03, and placed it into evidence.

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH [redacted]

On 05/13/2017, at approximately 0054 hours, I received a return telephone call from [redacted] I recorded the telephone conversation I had with [redacted] The recorded telephone conversation was later transferred to a CD-R, marked for future identification as Item JF04, and later placed into evidence. The following is a summary of the telephone conversation I had with [redacted] Refer to item JF04 for exact statements.

[redacted] began the conversation by asking what had happened to her son. I told [redacted] Branch had rented a room at the Budget Inn located in Rohnert Park. At some point the motel staff telephoned the Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety because Branch was acting strangely. RPDPS Officers arrived on scene, contacted Branch, and had a conversation with him. While the Officers spoke with Branch they learned he had a warrant for his arrest and when they went to handcuff him, Branch resisted and started fighting with the officers. One of the RPDPS Officers tased Branch with his taser. Branch continued resisting after being tased and was ultimately handcuffed. I explained to [redacted] shortly after being handcuffed, Branch stopped breathing and suffered some sort of medical episode. CPR was administered as soon as the Officers discovered Branch was not breathing. I explained how EMS staff arrived on scene and attempted life saving measures, but Branch ultimately died in the hotel room.

I told [redacted] in cases like this, when a death occurs in the custody of a law enforcement officer, a Critical Incident Protocol is invoked. I further explained the SCSO VCI Unit would be conducting the investigation into the circumstances surrounding Branch's death. [redacted] explained how she knew what the protocol was and was familiar with it.

[redacted] asked if I knew how many times her son had been tased. I told her I did not know. [redacted] stated she really wanted to know that [redacted] asked if I was conducting the investigation or was someone else. I explained to [redacted] how the entire SCSO VCI unit was conducting the investigation, with the lead detective being Detective J. Hanshew.

[redacted] asked if the incident was a Sonoma County Sheriff's Office incident. I told [redacted] the death of her son occurred during an incident with the Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety and the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office was conducting the investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of her son.

[redacted] asked what time did Branch die and I explained to her it was sometime after 3:15 in the afternoon on 05/121/2017. [redacted] told me she would call me back the next day because she had all the information she needed at the time and was having a hard time dealing with the death of her son. I told [redacted] I was sorry for her loss and when she was ready to talk some more to call me. The conversation with [redacted] ended at approximately 0100 hours on 05/13/2017.

On 05/13/2017, at approximately 0204 hours, I returned a telephone call SCSO Dispatch received from [redacted] brother of Branch Wroth. I telephoned [redacted] at [redacted] and left him a voicemail message. I recorded the voicemail message I left for [redacted] on my audio recorder. The recorded interview was later transferred to a CD-R, marked for future identification as item JF05, and later placed into evidence.

On 05/13/2017, at approximately 0207 hours, I telephoned [redacted] at telephone number [redacted] and had a conversation with him. The conversation was recorded on my audio recorder. The recorded conversation was later transferred to a CD-R, marked for future identification as item JF06, and later placed into evidence. The following is a summary of the conversation I had with [redacted] For exact statements refer to item JF06.

[redacted] told me he obtained the information he was attempting to get by talking with SCSO Dispatch. [redacted] asked how Branch died. I explained the circumstances surrounding the death of his brother and as I did so [redacted] interrupted me and stated his brother wasn`t a person who carried weapons. [redacted] asked me if I knew what the cause of Branch`s death was. I explained the cause of death would be determined through an autopsy of his brother which I believed was to happen on Monday 05/15/2017.

I confirmed with [redacted] was in fact his mother [redacted] told me he did not live in Sonoma County and was just trying to find out the circumstances surrounding the death of his brother. [redacted] told me his brother Branch had "drug problems", but wasn`t a violent person [redacted] asked if I knew how many officers were involved in the incident. I explained to [redacted] I thought two officers were involved, but since I wasn`t involved in that portion of the investigation I didn`t know for sure at the time.

[redacted] asked if I knew why the incident turned violent and I told him I did not know. [redacted] asked if any of the officers were wearing body cameras and I told him they were. I explained to [redacted] the officers, upon contacting his brother, conducted a warrant check and learned Branch had a warrant for his arrest. When the officers went to place Branch into handcuffs, Branch resisted in some manner and was tased.

[redacted] asked if I knew how long the incident lasted and I told him I thought the incident lasted a few minutes. I explained to [redacted] the autopsy would answer many of the questions he had, but assured him Branch was not shot. I also told [redacted] the SCSO Coroner`s Office would be conducting the autopsy of his brother.

[redacted] asked if he were to travel to Sonoma County would he be able to see his brother`s body. I explained to [redacted] that request would have to be made through the SCSO Coroner`s Office.

I told [redacted] I had been attempting to obtain some background information from members of his family and asked him if he had a few minutes to answer some questions [redacted] said he did. [redacted] again said Branch had drug problems in the past, but was not a violent person. [redacted] went on to explain how he couldn`t imagine how this incident happened and his brother should have been able to be handcuffed by two people.

I asked [redacted] if he knew where his brother was living. [redacted] told me he thought Branch was living somewhere in Cotati, but did not know the address nor who he lived with. I asked [redacted] when the last time he spoke with his brother was. [redacted] told me it was approximately a month ago. I told [redacted] he had previously stated his brother had a drug history and asked what kind of drugs he used. [redacted] told me he just knew Branch had been arrested for drugs previously a couple of times. I asked [redacted] if he knew Branch to have a girlfriend or was he married. [redacted] stated Branch did not have a girlfriend nor was ever married. I asked [redacted] if Branch had any children. [redacted] did not answer and hung up on me.

After making the telephone calls to the Wroth family I stayed at the Budget Inn and observed as SCSO CSI Detectives finished processing the scene. I ultimately signed out on the major incident log at approximately 0250 hours on 05/13/2017 and left the scene.

After leaving the scene I responded to the Doubletree Hotel and observed as Detective`s Hanshew and Toney completed the involved officers interviews. See Detective`s Hanshew and Toney`s supplemental reports for further information.

End of supplemental report.

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Incident/Investigation Report

Agency: Sonoma County Sheriff's Department **Case Number:** 170512-027

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Supplement Information

Supplement Date	Supplement Type	Supplement Officer
05/18/2017 11:22:55	FOLLOW UP	(SD2133) PETERSEN, KYLE C
Contact Name		**Supervising Officer**
		(SD1408) MURPHY, SHAWN K

2513

Other Persons Involved

Name Code	Seq. #	Name (Last, First, M)	Race	Sex
Involved, Other	3	CHAFFEE, KENNETH ALLEN [RESTRICTED]	W	M

Address	DOB	Age	Cell Phone	Home Phone
[redacted]				

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
SONOMA LIFE SUPPORT / 930 SOUTH A STREET, SANTA ROSA, CA. 95404	(707) 536-0404

Name Code	Seq. #	Name (Last, First, M)	Race	Sex
Involved, Other	4	GAETANO, LIA MARIE [RESTRICTED]	W	F

Address	DOB	Age	Cell Phone	Home Phone
[redacted]				

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
AMR /	

Name Code	Seq. #	Name (Last, First, M)	Race	Sex
Involved, Other	5	NICKS, JEFFREY S [RESTRICTED]	O	M

Address	DOB	Age	Cell Phone	Home Phone
500 CITY CENTER DR, ROHNERT PARK, CA 94928	[redacted]			(707) 584-2600

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
RPDPS /	

Name Code	Seq. #	Name (Last, First, M)	Race	Sex
Involved, Other	6	THOMPSON, JUSTIN [RESTRICTED]	W	M

Address	DOB	Age	Cell Phone	Home Phone
500 CITY HALL DR, ROHNERT PARK, CA 94928		00		(707) 584-2600

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
ROHNERT PARK DPS / 500 CITY CENTER DR. ROHNERT PARK	

Name Code	Seq. #	Name (Last, First, M)	Race	Sex
Involved, Other	7	HUFFAKER, JOSEPH [RESTRICTED]	W	M

Address	DOB	Age	Cell Phone	Home Phone
		00		

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
CITY OF ROHNERT PARK / 500 CITY CENTER DR	(707) 584-2600

Supplement Narrative

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT
SCSO# 170512-027
DETECTIVE KYLE PETERSEN
PROPERTY CRIMES INVESTIGATIONS

On 5-12-17, at about 1700 hrs, Sgt. Shawn Murphy notified me of an in custody death in the city of Rohnert Park. I responded to the SCSO main office and then to the Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety. I learned that a warrant suspect named Branch Wroth had died at the Budget Inn room number [redacted] located at 6298 Redwood Dr. Sgt. Murphy directed me to interview medical personnel that responded to the scene.

I called American Medical Response (AMR) medic Kenneth Chaffe and asked if I could interview him. He was still working with his partner Lia Gaetano. They both responded to the RPDPS and met me inside the first floor lobby. I spoke with Chaffe inside the first floor conference room privately. The interview began at about 2040 hrs.

Chaffe stated he was a medic for AMR which goes by the name of Sonoma Life Support in Sonoma County. He started his shift at 0900 hrs and was due to get off at 2100 hrs. He responded to a call at the Budget Inn sometime around 1500 hrs. He was dispatch to a male having bizarre behavior and he stated it sounded like a psych episode. They responded from Mary`s Pizza parking lot (located at 101 Golf Course Dr). They responded to the scene code three. He confirmed they activated the lights and sirens. Gaetano was driving the ambulance. Upon arrival, Chaffe walked towards the room. As he approached the stairs he heard an officer say it was a cardiac arrest. Chaffe told Gaetano what he heard and they grabbed all of their gear. They carried the gear up to the room. He stated the room was filled with police and fire personnel and CPR was in progress. He received information that there had been a scuffle and the patient had been tazed. He was told the patient was cuffed and they realized he was in cardiac arrest. Fire personnel continued CPR while Chaffe arrived on scene [redacted] pronounced dead by Chaffe at 1600 hrs. After the patient was pronounced Chaffe left the room and went down stairs.

Chaffe observed the patient was naked and handcuffed. He observed minor abrasions to his shins. He observed no other trauma to the body. He stated he observed Taser wires. He did not see any barbs. The patient was on his back during the duration of treatment.

Chaffe observed two fire engines on scene. He observed six-twelve police cars. He stated he was working on unit # 761.

End of interview at about 2050 hrs. Interview labeled 170512027-1 on KP1.

I spoke with Lia Gaetano inside the first floor conference room privately. The interview began at about 2054 hrs. She stated she is employed by AMR as an EMT. She was working with Chaffe in AMR unit#761. She started her shift at 1000 hrs and was due to get off at 2200 hrs. She was the driver of the ambulance

She stated they were posted in the parking lot of Mary`s. They were dispatched to the Budget Inn in the afternoon. She stated it was the first call they responded to together. She stated she did not read the call from the CAD. She heard the call dispatched as a medical aid call. She drove the ambulance code three from the Mary`s parking lot. Upon arrival, she observed several police vehicles and two fire engines. She heard a law enforcement officer say that it was a code. She told me a "code" meant CPR was in progress. She stated her and Chaffe gathered the necessary equipment and responded to the room upstairs. She stated two RPDPS officers were performing CPR when she arrived at the room. She believed they were fire personnel. She stated she began to switch the RPDPS equipment to their equipment. She explained AMR`s equipment provides more information and would be used in the event of transport. [redacted]

Chaffe pronounced the patient dead.

End of Interview at about 2103 hrs. Interview labeled 170512027-2 on KP1.

I met with Captain Jeffrey Nicks of the RPDPS at Fire Station #2 located at 5200 Country Club Dr. I conducted the interview privately inside his office at about 2213 hrs.

He stated he responded to the call at the Budget Inn sometime before 1600 hrs. He was in engine #9982 with Joe Huffaker. He heard someone on scene at the Budget Inn (believed it was Dave Watson) request code three cover over the radio. He stated they responded to the Budget Inn from the F section, specifically Flores. He stated he heard another unit advise over the radio that they were on scene and to continue code three cover. Nicks stated that is when they responded to the scene code three. Nicks stated they were the first fire engine on scene. Upon arrival Nicks saw RPDPS PSO Felicity Hartnett running to her car to get a max restraint device. He followed PSO Hartnett up to the room. He observed PSO`s David Watson, Sean Hout, Matt Hout, Mike Werle and Sgt Eric Matzen were on scene.

He observed a subject face down on the floor handcuffed behind his back. PSO David Watson was on the subjects legs maintaining control of him. Nicks stated officers were in the process of making room to place the subject into max restraints.

Nicks stated the room was in disarray. The subject did not have any pants on. He had a shirt on. There were Taser barbs (2) in his back. Nicks heard Mike Werle say, "look at him" and he noticed [redacted] He stated Matt Hayes and Justin Thompson arrived on scene from engine 9984. They immediately rolled the subject over and [redacted] The subject was pronounced dead at 1600 hrs. Nicks believed everything was done in an attempt to save the subjects life.

End of interview at about 2224 hrs. Interview labeled 170512027-3 on KP1.

I met with PSO Joesph Huffaker at the Double Tree Hotel in Rohnert Park. I spoke with him privately in a conference room. The interview began at about 2252 hrs.

Huffaker responded to the call at the Budget Inn at about 1530 hrs. He was working with Captain Nicks and was driving engine 9982. Huffaker was monitoring the radio which broadcasts fire and patrol calls. Huffaker stated they were in the F section of Rohnert Park when he heard a muffled transmission over the radio. Huffaker believed the muffled radio broadcast meant someone was in a scuffle based on his experience.

Huffaker turned around and responded to the Budget Inn. They were the first fire engine that arrived to the scene. Upon arrival Huffaker observed PSO Felicity Hartnett retrieving a hobble from her patrol vehicle and went to the room. Huffaker and Nicks followed her up to the room. He observed PSO`s Sean Hout, Matt Hout, Sgt. Matzen David Watson and Ofc. Werle were on scene. He stated he heard someone say "check his breathing." It was determined the subject was not breathing and he was rolled onto his back and [redacted]

The medic on scene pronounced the subject dead at 1600 hrs. Huffaker advised dispatch over the radio of the time of death. Huffaker believed they did everything they could to save the subjects life.

End of interview at about 2300 hrs. Interview labeled 170512027-4 on KP1.

I met with PSO Justin Thompson at the Double Tree Hotel in Rohnert Park. I spoke with him privately in a conference room. The interview began at about 2307 hrs.

Thompson was working with Matthew Hayes on engine #9984. Thompson heard a radio transmission that sounded like someone needed assistance. He stated he could not make out what was said. He responded to the Budget Inn from Snyder Ln. and Rohnert Park Expressway. They responded without being dispatched to the call (self-dispatched). He then heard Eric Matzen`s call for assistance. Upon arrival he observed several patrol officers on scene along with engine 9982.

Thompson went inside the subject`s room and observed he was naked on the ground, appeared handcuffed. He saw Taser wires and observed the room was in disarray. He recognized the subject was not breathing and [redacted] Thompson sprinted downstairs [redacted] believes the subject was pronounced dead at about 1600 hrs. [redacted] He stated, "We did everything we could."

End of interview at about 2313 hrs. Interview labeled 170512027-5 on KP1.

I audio recorded each interview with my digital audio recorder. I placed the recordings on a CD and turned it in as evidence item (KP1).

Nothing further at this time.

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Supplement Information

Supplement Date	Supplement Type	Supplement Officer
05/16/2017 14:52:08	FOLLOW UP	(SD2129) MCKINNON, SCOTT L
Contact Name		**Supervising Officer** (SD1408) MURPHY, SHAWN K

2573

Supplement Narrative

On 5/12/2017 at approximately 1930 hours, I was requested to assist with an in custody death in Rohnert Park, which was being investigated by our department per county protocol.

I was tasked with authoring a search warrant for room number [redacted] at the Budget Inn in Rohnert Park and for the deceased Branch Wroth. The search warrant was prepared and reviewed by Deputy District Attorney Barbara Nanney.

I then contacted the on call Judge the Honorable V. Marcoida. Due to it being after hours, I emailed her a copy f the search warrant. AT 2347 hours, I received the search warrant back from the Honorable Judge V. Marcoida bearing her endorsement.

I provide Violent Crimes Investigation Detective J. Fowler with a copy of the search warrant.

On 5/15/2017, I authored a search warrant sealing order for this case and presented it to the Honorable Judge V. Marcoida. Judge V. Marcoida reviewed and endorsed the search warrant sealing order.

On 5/15/2017, I received a property inventory sheet from CSI Detective D. Fong. The property inventory sheet identified all of the items collected during the service of the search warrant for room [redacted] at the Budget Inn in Rohnert Park.

I completed a search warrant return for the items collected during the service of the search warrant.

On 5/16/2017, I brought the search warrant return to the Honorable Judge Andria Richey. The Honorable Judge Andria Richey, reviewed and endorsed the search warrant return. I then took the search warrant and return to the Sonoma County Court Clerk`s Office. I placed the search warrant and search warrant return in an envelope, sealed them in front of the court clerk and filed them with the Sonoma County Court Clerk`s Office per Evidence Code 1040.

End of supplemental report.

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Supplement Information

Supplement Date	Supplement Type	Supplement Officer
06/19/2017 13:28:48	FOLLOW UP	(SD1738) SEDGWICK, RICHARD A
Contact Name		**Supervising Officer**
		(SD1408) MURPHY, SHAWN K

2573

Other Persons Involved

Name Code	Seq. #	Name (Last, First, M)	Race	Sex
Involved, Other	8	[redacted]		

Address	DOB	Age	Cell Phone	Home Phone
[redacted]				

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
[redacted]	

Name Code	Seq. #	Name (Last, First, M)	Race	Sex
Involved, Other	9	[redacted]		

Address	DOB	Age	Cell Phone	Home Phone
[redacted]				

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
[redacted]	

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Agency: Sonoma County Sheriff's Department **Case Number:** 170512-027

Supplement Narrative

Sonoma County Sheriff s Office
Property Crimes Investigations
Detective Richard Sedgwick
Supplemental Report 170512-027

On 05/12/17, at 2000 hours, I responded to the Budget Inn in Rohnert Park to assist with an in custody death investigation involving RPDPS.

I spoke with the Manager of the Rodeway Inn, (IO) [redacted]. He told me the following in essence; On the evening of 05/11/17, (OF) Branch Wroth, came to the motel and wanted to rent a room. [redacted] turned Wroth away due to the fact that Wroth did not have identification or a credit card. [redacted] told Wroth to go next door to the Budget Inn, and they would rent him a room for cash. [redacted] told me that Wroth seemed to speak slowly, but was otherwise acting appropriately.

I then spoke to (IO) [redacted], the desk clerk at the Rodeway Inn. He told me the following in essence; On the evening of 05/11/17, between 1800-1900 hours he was working the front desk. Wroth came into the hotel and attempted to rent a room. Due to the fact that Wroth did not have identification or a credit card [redacted] checked with [redacted] who told him to send Wroth to the Budget Inn. [redacted] told me Wroth was not acting normal. I asked what he meant and he told me he was speaking slowly and seemed delayed in thought.

I then spoke to (IO) [redacted] the desk clerk at the Budget Inn. He told me the following in essence; On the evening of 05/11/17 at 2001 hours, Wroth came to the hotel to rent a room. The only identification Wroth possessed was a printout from the DMV. [redacted] rented Wroth room [redacted] Wroth was very appreciative to [redacted] for the room.

The next morning, housekeeping went to room [redacted] and found the occupant was not checked out. [redacted] went to the room and contacted Wroth who asked for more time before check out. Approximately an hour later at about 1330 hours, Housekeeping went to room [redacted] and found Wroth still inside of the room. [redacted] spoke to Wroth again, and Wroth asked for 10 more minutes. [redacted] went to the room and told Wroth to either leave or pay for an additional night or he would have to call hotel security. [redacted] noticed that Wroth was not wearing any clothes as he talked to him through the window of the room. Wroth told [redacted] he needed to think about it. A short time later [redacted] called security because Wroth had not vacated the room or paid for an additional night. Security arrived and responded to the room, subsequently RPDPS was called by security.

End of supplemental report.

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Incident/Investigation Report

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Supplement Information

Supplement Date	Supplement Type	Supplement Officer
11/28/2017 13:41:23	FOLLOW UP	(SD1333) SINGLETON, SCOTT
Contact Name		**Supervising Officer** (SD1032) BERGES, DAVE

2573

Witnesses

Seq. #	Name (Last, First, M)	Race	Sex	DOB	Age
6	HAYES, MATTHEW J	W	M	[redacted]	30

Address	Cell Phone	Home Phone
500 CITY CENTER DR, ROHNERT PARK, CA 94928		(707) 584-2600

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
CITY OF ROHNERT PARK / 500 CITY CENTER DR, ROHNERT PARK, CA, 94928	(707) 584-2600

Witness Type

Witness Notes

Other Persons Involved

Name Code	Seq. #	Name (Last, First, M)	Race	Sex
Involved, Other	10	[redacted]		

Address	DOB	Age	Cell Phone	Home Phone
[redacted]				

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
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Name Code	Seq. #	Name (Last, First, M)	Race	Sex
Involved, Other	11	[redacted]		

Address	DOB	Age	Cell Phone	Home Phone
[redacted]				

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
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Name Code	Seq. #	Name (Last, First, M)	Race	Sex
Involved, Other	12	[redacted]		

Address	DOB	Age	Cell Phone	Home Phone
[redacted]				

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
/	

Other Persons Involved

Name Code	Seq. #	Name (Last, First, M)	Race	Sex
Involved, Other	13	[redacted]		

Address	DOB	Age	Cell Phone	Home Phone
[redacted]				

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
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Supplement Narrative

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT (OFFICER INVOLD WITNESS INTERVIEWS)
SONOMA COUNTY SHERIFF`S OFFICE CR# 170512-027
DETECTIVE S. SINGLETON #1333

On 5-12-17, at approximately 2000 hours, Detectives from the Sonoma County Sheriff`s Office Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Unit responded to the Budget Inn in Rohnert Park to assist in an Officer Involved Incident that had occurred that day. Detective Piccinini and I were assigned to complete an area canvas of the Budget Inn in an attempt to locate any possible witnesses. The following is a summary of our contacts by oom number at the hotel.

Room [redacted]:
The room was occupied by three Hispanic males ([redacted] and [redacted]. One of the males spoke some English. All of the males had been at work and returned to the hotel after the incident, around 1700 hours.

Room [redacted]
The room was occupied by one Hispanic male, [redacted] said he arrived at the hotel at 1700 hours and he was not present during the incident. He did not know why law enforcement was at the hotel.

We contacted all of the rooms on the second floor of the hotel where the incident occurred. Rooms [redacted] plus rooms [redacted] and [redacted] were vacant or no one came to the door when we knocked. Rooms [redacted] and [redacted] were within the crime scene and we did not access that area. After doing an area canvas, we went to Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety`s Fire Station 4 and interviewed one of the Public Safety Officers, Matthew Hayes, who had responded to the call and provided medical care to the involved subject.

PSO Hayes has been worked for Rohnert Park for 17 months. PSO Hayes and Justin Thompson were working on engine 9984 and responded the Officer Involved Incident. At the time of the incident, PSO Hayes and Officer Justin Thompson were driving back to the station in the engine when they hear a "garbled" transmission on the radio. They determined that an officer needed assistance at the Budget Inn, so they esponded from Country Club Drive at Rohnert Park Expressway. He estimated that it took them about 4 inutes to get on scene. As they were arriving, engine 9982 was on scene. Sergeant Nicks and Joe Huffaker were working on engine 9982 and he saw them going up the stairs of the hotel. After going on scene, PSO Hayes said there were sufficient law enforcement units on scene, approximately 5 patrol units, so he went in to

provide medical care. PSO Hayes was behind Joe Huffaker when he got to the room. In the room was a male laying on the ground, wearing only a t-shirt, and his feet were across the doorway. Sergeant Matzen was outside the door, Officer Whirly was inside standing next to the male, Matt and Sean Huot were at the head of the male, and there was another officer, who he couldn`t remember, near the hands of the male.

PSO Hayes said the male, on the ground, was handcuffed and there were Taser wires across the floor. He assumed male had been tased. Officer Werle told one of the Huot`s to check the male for a pulse. When they rolled him over, the male [redacted] At one point they cut the male`s t-shirt off and it was laying under his body. [redacted] They then taped off the scene with crime scene tape. Officer Huffaker stayed with the male and PSO Hayes when down to restock their medical gear. After restocking, PSO Hayes went upstairs and took over the scene log. He said he did that for about an hour and forty minutes. During his time, controlling the log, no one came into the scene. He was later relieved by Detective Douglas.

I asked PSO Hayes if he noticed anything unusual in the room. He said he did not go that far into the room to get a good look. He did notice that they air conditioner housing was torn apart with metal sticking out, a bottle of cologne was near the males head [redacted] I asked if there was anyone, witnesses, standing around when he first arrived, but he did not recall seeing anyone in the area. He also did not remember any comments made by anyone on scene, because he was focused on providing medical care.

I asked PSO Hayes if Justin Thompson was at the station. He said that Justin Thompson had gone to the sequestering hotel. Due to the fact he was at the hotel, he would have been contacted by other Detectives. Detective Piccinini and my interviews were captured on a digital recorder and later copied to CD and booked into evidence.

Nothing further.

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Supplement Information

Supplement Date	Supplement Type	Supplement Officer
11/28/2017 11:34:48	FOLLOW UP	(SD1391) SCHMIDT, FRED R
Contact Name		**Supervising Officer**
		(SD1333) SINGLETON, SCOTT

2573

Witnesses

Seq. #	Name (Last, First, M)	Race	Sex	DOB	Age
7	[redacted]				

Address	Cell Phone	Home Phone
[redacted]		

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
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Witness Type

Witness Notes

Seq. #	Name (Last, First, M)	Race	Sex	DOB	Age
8	[redacted]				

Address	Cell Phone	Home Phone
[redacted]		

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
/	

Witness Type

Witness Notes

Seq. #	Name (Last, First, M)	Race	Sex	DOB	Age
9	[redacted]				

Address	Cell Phone	Home Phone
[redacted]		

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
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Witness Type

Witness Notes

Witnesses

Seq. #	Name (Last, First, M)	Race	Sex	DOB	Age
10	[redacted]				

Address	Cell Phone	Home Phone
[redacted]		

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
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Witness Type

Witness Notes

Other Persons Involved

Name Code	Seq. #	Name (Last, First, M)	Race	Sex
Involved, Other	11	[redacted]		

Address	DOB	Age	Cell Phone	Home Phone
[redacted]				

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
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Name Code	Seq. #	Name (Last, First, M)	Race	Sex
nvolved, Other	12	[redacted]		

Address	DOB	Age	Cell Phone	Home Phone
[redacted]				

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
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Name Code	Seq. #	Name (Last, First, M)	Race	Sex
Involved, Other	14	[redacted]		

Address	DOB	Age	Cell Phone	Home Phone
[redacted]				

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
/	

Name Code	Seq. #	Name (Last, First, M)	Race	Sex
Involved, Other	15	[redacted]		

Address	DOB	Age	Cell Phone	Home Phone
[redacted]				

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
/	

Name Code	Seq. #	Name (Last, First, M)	Race	Sex
Involved, Other	16	[redacted]		

Address	DOB	Age	Cell Phone	Home Phone
[redacted]				

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
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Other Persons Involved

Name Code	Seq. #	Name (Last, First, M)	Race	Sex
Involved, Other	17	[redacted]		

Address	DOB	Age	Cell Phone	Home Phone
[redacted]				

Employer Name/Address	Business Phone
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Supplement Narrative

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT:
SCSO CR # 170512-027
DVSA Detective Fred Schmidt #1391

INVESTIGATION:

On 05/12/17, at 2000 hours, I responded to the Budget Inn in Rohnert Park to assist VCI with an in custody death investigation involving RPDPS. I was directed to conduct an area canvas and interview any potential witnesses staying at the hotel, these interviews were captured on my BWC. Detective Regan and I spoke with occupants who told us the following in essence:

Room [redacted] I contacted [redacted] and [redacted] both told me they didn`t see any part of the incident as they had checked in after.

Room [redacted]: I contacted [redacted] and [redacted] both told me they checked into the room approximately one hour ago and didn`t witness any of the incident.

Room [redacted] Unoccupied

Room [redacted] I contacted [redacted] and [redacted], both told me they didn`t see what occurred but did hear screaming. [redacted] told me at approximately 1530 hours, he and [redacted] were inside the hotel room when they heard screaming from upstairs. [redacted] said they had not been alerted to anything out of the ordinary occurring prior to the screaming. He further described that the screaming appeared to be coming from a male and then he heard cops screaming. [redacted] said he didn`t hear any words being spoken, he just heard a loud/ lengthy scream [redacted] said it sounded like the unknown male was being tased. [redacted] said after additional police units arrived, he went outside to see what occurred and said he spoke with a RPDPS Sergeant about moving a patrol car so [redacted] could leave for work. [redacted] said he looked upstairs and said he was unable to see anything as his view was blocked by emergency personnel. [redacted] said he didn`t hear any conversations regarding emergency personnel.

[redacted] said she started work at 1600 hours and thought the incident occurred 30 minutes prior. [redacted] said she heard screaming and looked out the window briefly. She was able to see other police cars arriving and saw other occupants going outside to see what was occurring. [redacted] added she didn`t go outside nor look upstairs as she doesn`t want to be involved in anything.

[redacted] and [redacted] had no further information so the interview ended. Please see BWC recordings for specifics.

Room [redacted] I contacted [redacted] and [redacted] both told me at approximately 1545 hours, they were startled by loud screaming. The screaming only lasted for approximately five minutes. [redacted] said she looked out the window to the south as it appeared the sound was coming from that direction. [redacted] said she saw nothing and moments later heard what sounded like running above the room while the screaming continued. [redacted] said she heard something to the effect of, "Ouch it hurts." Both [redacted] and [redacted] said they didn`t initially come outside to see what occurred as [redacted] has a young daughter.

[redacted] said they had exited the room with the intention of leaving in her car but were blocked from exiting the parking lot by a fire truck. [redacted] said after a short while, they decided to go back into the room. Both [redacted] and [redacted] said they only saw emergency personnel running back and forth upstairs. They didn`t hear any conversations about the incident nor did they know what occurred. [redacted] said she later took [redacted] daughter outside to play on the grass and she described seeing an officer standing outside a room upstairs with police tape on the railing. [redacted] said she was unable to see into the room as her view was blocked by emergency personnel.

[redacted] and [redacted] had no further information so the interview ended. Please see BWC recordings for specifics.

Room [redacted] Unoccupied

oom [redacted] Light on, bags on bed and appeared no one was inside.

Room [redacted] Light off and no one in room.

Room [redacted] Unoccupied

Room [redacted] Light off and no one in room.

Room [redacted] Unoccupied

Room [redacted] Unoccupied

Detective Regan and I were then directed to respond to [redacted] to locate a possible residence for the suspect (Identified as Branch Wroth). I contacted two residents, identified as [redacted] and [redacted] who told me the following in summary. The interviews were captured by my BWC, please see recordings for specifics.

[redacted] said he and Wroth grew up together. [redacted] said he gave Wroth a job and Wroth has been staying at the residence for a short time until a bed opened up at rehab. [redacted] said Wroth has a drug problem, [redacted] said he hadn`t seen Wroth in approximately 2 days and didn`t know his current whereabouts. [redacted] thought it odd that he hadn`t seen Wroth in a few days. [redacted] said when he last saw Wroth, he appeared normal. I asked [redacted] to describe behaviors displayed by Wroth when he`s intoxicated. [redacted] said Wroth wasn`t intoxicated around him so he didn`t know. [redacted] said Wroth was arrested a few weeks prior for being under the influence.

[redacted]: [redacted] said he was home all day and Wroth didn`t come to the house. [redacted] said the

ast time he saw Wroth was a few days prior [redacted] said Wroth appeared ok and not intoxicated.

I had no further questions fo[redacted] and [redacted] so the interview ended.

Nothing further at this time.

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Supplement Information

Supplement Date	Supplement Type	Supplement Officer
06/01/2017 08:44:26	EVIDENCE	(SD1125) FONG, DYLAN M
Contact Name		**Supervising Officer**
		(SD1112) EATON, VANCE

2573

Supplement Narrative

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

SCSO 170512-027 /RPDPS FATAL INCIDENT PROTOCOL

DETECTIVE DYLAN FONG

CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATIONS

NOTIFICATION

On 5/13/17, at approximately 1800 hours, I was notified by CSI Sergeant Vance Eaton that Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety (RPDPS) had an incident that occurred on today`s date in which RPDPS officers were involved in an altercation which resulted in an in-custody death. RPDPS invoked the County Fatal Incident Protocol and requested the assistance of our agency to conduct the investigation.

BRIEFING

At approximately 1900 hours, I arrived at the RPDPS headquarters. In essence, I learned the following:

At approximately 1511 hours, RPDPS Officers responded to room [redacted] at the Budget Inn, located at 6298 Redwood Drive, for a report of a subject acting paranoid and a check the welfare was requested. Officer David Wattson arrived on scene first, followed by Officer Sean Huot. The subject was identified as (OF) Branch Christopher Wroth.

They both contacted Wroth inside the room and attempted to take him into custody for an outstanding warrant. A fight ensued and officers called for "code 3" back up. Officer Wattson had deployed his Taser at some time during the fight. Shortly thereafter, the officers called for a "code 3" ambulance. CPR was started to no avail. Wroth was pronounced deceased at 1600 hours. The scene was secured and being protected by RPDPS Detective Tara Douglas.

After the briefing, at approximately 2003 hours, I was contacted by RPDPS Detective Jon Kempf who told me had collected Officer Wattson`s Taser. Detective Kemp provided me with the Taser, which was packaged in a large manila envelope. The ECD was a Taser Model X26, S/N [redacted] with one spare unexpended cartridge attached. I took possession of the Taser and later marked it as evidence item DMF12.

At approximately 2012 hours, Detective Kempf also provided to me a pair of used latex gloves, which he stated he collected from the floorboard of Officer Huot`s patrol vehicle. Detective Kempf told me the gloves were used by Officer Huot during the incident. I took possession of the gloves, which were packaged inside a manila envelope, and later marked them as evidence item DMF11.

I briefed with other Detectives and was tasked with responding to the scene and processing it for evidence.

PROCESSING OF CRIME SCENE

At approximately 2352 hours, I was notified by VCI Detective Jesse Hanshew that a search warrant had been signed by a Sonoma County Superior Court Judge authorizing the search and seizure of items within 6298 Redwood Drive, Room [redacted]

I made contact with RPDPS Detective Douglas who was still protecting the scene. At approximately 2355 hours, I signed into the crime scene access log.

Using a department issued digital video recorder, I conducted a video walkthrough of the scene. During my walkthrough I noted the following:

Room [redacted] was situated on the second floor with the door facing west. The front door was partially closed with a window drape stuck in the door frame, preventing the door from being completely shut. The sliding window in the room was slid all the way open and there was no screen in place. There was a `through the wall` mounted air conditioning unit installed under the window.

Upon entry, I observed Wroth lying on the floor in a supine position with his head facing towards the north wall and his feet facing the south wall. He was not wearing any clothing. I noticed both his hands were behind his back. There was an artificial airway placed in his mouth and defibrillation pads attached to his body. [redacted] noticed a large amount of medical waste on the floor surrounding the body. This medical waste consisted of miscellaneous packaging materials, intubation tubing and two (2) bag valve masks.

The room was in total disarray. The mesh window screen had been removed from the window and was resting against the south wall of the room. The frame was bent in various degrees. The metal housing to the air conditioning unit was lying on the floor under the window screen. The bed had been pushed away from the wall mounted headboard and all the bedding was removed from the mattress. The floor was littered with various personal effects.

I observed a Taser cartridge lying on a table against the north wall. I marked the Taser cartridge with a yellow evidence placard (#1). I observed numerous round Taser AFID (Anti Felon ID) tags lying on the floor in various areas around the body. I placed a yellow evidence marker (#2) in this general area.

I observed a black/grey shirt partially lying under the right side of the decedents body. I marked the shirt with a yellow evidence placard (#3). I also observed a pair of pants on the floor next to the left side of the decedent`s body. I marked the pants with a yellow evidence marker (#4).

There were clear oval capsules lying in various locations throughout the room. The capsules were consistent with pills located inside a bottle of "Nature Made" fish oil (no lid) located in the room. I marked a capsule

ving on the floor in the front entryway with a yellow evidence placard (#5).

FARO

Using our FARO 3D laser scanner, I conducted three (3) scans of the scene. I later processed the scans and completed a Web Share presentation of the crime scene. This presentation was placed onto a thumb drive and booked into SCSO property/evidence as item DMF13. I provided Detective Hanshew with a copy.

SEARCH OF ROOM

At the conculsion of the scans, VCI Detective Jayson Fowler, CSI Detective Parlato and myself began a hand search of the room for any further evidence.

I lifted up the metal housing from the air conditioner that was lying in the south west corner of the room. I found two green Taser blast doors lying on the floor. I marked the blast doors with a yellow evidence placard (#7) and photographed them in place.

We did not locate any further items of evidentiary value. It should be noted we did not find any items of indicia for the decedent.

ORONER

I met with Coroner Detective Les Bottomley and escorted him into the scene. Detective Bottomley facilitated the arrival of the removal team.

At approximately 0145 hours, attendants Richard Payne and Nathan Reid, arrived on scene to remove the body from the scene. They each signed into the crime scene access log.

I took pictures as they rolled the body to its side at which point I could see that lividity had set in. I could also clearly see that both hands were secured with handcuffs. I observed a black and grey shirt that was partially under the right side of the body. I collected and packaged the shirt as evidence item DMF3. I also observed a pair of pants that had been under the left side of the body. I collected and packaged the pants as evidence item DMF4.

I then observed Taser wires and probes that were bundled up around the decedent`s hands. The Taser probes were not lodged into anything and were still attached to the wires. In order to free the wire for collection purposes we had to remove the handcuff from the decedent`s right wrist. Prior to doing so, I took close up photos of the handcuff to document where the handcuff was ratcheted closed. Detective Bottomley keyed open the handcuff at which time I removed the wire. The handcuff was placed back on, secured at the same ratchet and double locked. I collected and packaged the Taser wires and probes as evidence item DMF6.

VIDENCE

Prior to the collection of any evidence items, Detective Parlato and I each donned fresh protective gloves.

With the assistance of CSI Detective Matt Parlato, I collected the following evidence items:

DMF1 Taser cartridge (S/N [redacted] located on a table along the north wall

DMF2 Taser AFIDS (S/N [redacted] located on the floor of the room

DMF3 Black/gray Jack Nicklaus XXL polo shirt located under body. This shirt was found to be ripped/torn

DMF4 Grey Wrangler pants on floor next to body

DMF5 Clear oval pill located on floor near entryway

DMF6 Taser wires and probes located under body

DMF7 Taser blast doors located on floor in south west corner of room

DMF8 Medical waste located on floor to include bag valve masks, packaging, and tubing

I later transported all evidence items to our secure CSI lab at the main office.

During a search of DMF4, which were a pair of grey Wrangler pants, I located a crumpled piece of DMV paperwork for Wroth and a US $10 bill in his right cargo pocket. I booked the DMV paperwork as item DMF4(a) and the $10 bill as item DMF4(b).

I transferred all photos onto a DVD-R disk and marked it as evidence item DMF9.

I transferred the digital footage onto a DVD-R disk and marked it as evidence item DMF10.

Nothing further

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Supplement Information

Supplement Date	Supplement Type	Supplement Officer
05/15/2017 09:33:38	EVIDENCE	(SD1430) BARAZ, MICHAEL
Contact Name		**Supervising Officer**
		(SD1112) EATON, VANCE

2573

Supplement Narrative

On Friday 5/12/2017 at approximately 1743 hours, the CSI Unit was notified by CSI Sergeant V. Eaton, advising us of a critical incident in the City of Rohnert Park involving an in-custody death. I arrived at the main office around 1900 hours to pick up necessary equipment for processing the scene. I then responded to the Budget Inn, located at 6298 Redwood Drive in Rohnert Park, arriving on scene at 2010 hours. Upon my arrival, the scene, which appeared to be a hotel room with the number [redacted] on it, was secured with yellow police tape and guarded by a Rohnert Park DPS Officer. At this point, I had not yet heard the details of the case and waited for the lead CSI Detective to arrive for delegation of my assignment. I understood that the lead VCI Detective was J. Hanshew while the lead CSI Detective was T. Newton. While on scene, I was redirected to the Doubletree Hotel in Rohnert Park, where there were several RPDPS Officers sequestered.

At approximately 2100 hours, I met with Detective Newton at the Doubletree Hotel in Rohnert Park. I was assigned the task of setting up the audio/video equipment as well as assisting Detective Newton in processing the involved RPDPS Officers. My roll in processing the officers involved was simply to annotate the necessary information that Detective Newton required for his report. See Det. Newton's supplemental report for details.

End of supplemental report.

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Supplement Information

Supplement Date	Supplement Type	Supplement Officer
05/16/2017 08:07:42	EVIDENCE	(SD1430) BARAZ, MICHAEL
Contact Name		**Supervising Officer**
		(SD1112) EATON, VANCE

2573

Supplement Narrative

On Monday 5/15/2017, I was asked by Coroner`s Sergeant A. Mancilla to assist in documenting a blood draw from the decedent in this case, Branch Wroth. I arrived at the coroner`s office at approximately 1400 hours and met with Sergeant Mancilla. He explained that there was an order by the Sonoma County Superior Court that detailed that the "autopsy of Branch Wroth may proceed at the discretion of the Sonoma County Sheriff`s Office. It is further ordered that the Sonoma County Sheriff`s Office shall video and audio record the autopsy of Branch Wroth. Said video and audio recording of the autopsy of Branch Wroth shall be preserved pending further order of a court of competent jurisdiction."

According to Sergeant Mancilla, the actual autopsy was scheduled for Wednesday 5/17/2017 tentatively at `800, but due to the potential of evidence deterioration, a blood draw was to be conducted from Wroth in the autopsy room. I was tasked with photographing and collecting the initial coroner`s lock as well as the documenting the new lock when Wroth was sealed back in the body bag. I was further tasked with capturing video (with audio) of the autopsy room while the blood draw was being conducted. I set up my department issued digital video camera in an elevated position in the corner of the room in order to capture as much of the examination room as possible.

Forensic Assistant (FA) Cecilia Castaneda wheeled the decedent into the autopsy room at approximately 1507 hours and locked the cart into place. I took photographs of the coroner`s lock marked with the number 21917 at 1509 hours. The lock was sealed through the closed zipper mechanism. FA Castaneda cut the lock and provided it to me as evidence item #1-1430 at 1510 hours. FA Castaneda collected the necessary blood samples that the Coroner`s Office required and then resealed the body bag with a new Coroner`s lock marked with the number 21930. I photographed that lock at approximately 1517 hours. Once Wroth`s body was wheeled from the autopsy room, I stopped the video recording.

I returned to the Sonoma County Sheriff`s CSI Office where I secured the lock (1-1430) in the CSI lab. I later placed the video onto a DVD and marked it as evidence item #2-1430. I placed the photographic images onto a CD and marked it as evidence item #3-1430. On 5/16/2017, I booked all 3 items into SCSO property. I provided a copy of the video and photos to VCI Detective J. Hanshew for investigative purposes.

nothing further at this time.

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Supplement Information

Supplement Date	Supplement Type	Supplement Officer
05/25/2017 14:02:14	EVIDENCE	(SD827) NEWTON, TROY
Contact Name		**Supervising Officer**
		(SD1112) EATON, VANCE

2573

Supplement Narrative

On 05-12-2017, at about 1743 hours, CSI Sgt. V. Eaton advised me that RPDPS had a critical incident which resulted in an in-custody death. The CSI team responded to RPDPS for a briefing of the incident. I learned the scene was located at Budget Inn [redacted] in Rohnert Park. I learned five RPDPS Officers were sequestered at the Double Tree Hotel in Rohnert Park.

Detectives D. Fong and M. Parlato responded to Budget Inn [redacted] to process the scene (refer to supplemental report). Detective M. Baraz and I responded to Double Tree Hotel to process the involved officers. At the briefing, I learned the involved Officers (David Watson, Michael Werle, Sean Huot, Sgt. Eric Matzen, and Matthew Huot) had already been photographed in uniform to document their appearance. I further learned [redacted] I later submitted a CD of my photographs as evidence item #TDN.

Detective Baraz and I set up audio and video equipment at the Double Tree Hotel for interviews.

At approximately 2342 hours, I contacted Officer Watson in room [redacted] who was sequestered by Sgt. J. Marshall. Officer Watson had no Taser in his possession. I learned Detective Fong had obtained Watson`s Taser after the briefing at RPDPS. I took overall photographs of Watson and his equipment. All his equipment appeared functional. I checked his firearm, a Glock model 17 Serial # [redacted]. I saw the firearm was clean and had 3 magazines. The magazine in the magwell had 17 rounds +1 chambered. Both spare magazines had 17 rounds each.

At approximately 2359 hours, I contacted Officer Werle in room [redacted] who was sequestered by Officer Huffaker. Officer Werle had a Taser X26 in his possession ser# [redacted]. The Taser appeared to be functional with 69% battery life. Officer Werle had two cartridges, one seated and one spare. All his equipment appeared functional. I checked his firearm, a Glock model 17 Serial # [redacted] I noted the firearm was dirty and dust-covered with lint. The firearm had 3 magazines. The magazine in the magwell had 17 rounds +1 chambered. One spare magazine had 17 rounds and the other had 16 rounds. I collected Werle`s Taser as evidence item #MW1 and his SL20 MagLite (flashlight) located in his patrol vehicle as evidence item #MW2.

At approximately 0013 hours, I contacted Officer Sean Huot in room [redacted] who was sequestered by Officer [redacted]stin Thompson. Officer Huot had a Taser X26 in his possession ser# [redacted] The Taser appeared to be functional with no battery life indication and one cartridge seated. All his equipment appeared functional. I checked his firearm, a Glock model 17 ser# [redacted] I saw the firearm was clean and had 4 magazines.

The magazine in the magwell had 17 rounds +1 chambered. All three spare magazines had 17 rounds each. I collected Huot`s Taser as evidence item #SH1.

At approximately 0102 hours, I contacted Sgt. Matzen in room [redacted] who was sequestered by Sgt. Sutter. Sgt. Matzen had a Taser X26 in his possession ser# [redacted] The Taser appeared to be functional with no battery life indication and two cartridges, one seated and one spare. All his equipment appeared functional. I checked his firearm, a Glock model 17 Serial # UVG010. I saw the firearm was clean and had 5 magazines. The magazine in the magwell had 17 rounds +1 chambered. Both magazines on his belt had 17 rounds each and both magazines on his vest carrier had 17 rounds each. I collected his Taser as evidence item #EM1.

At approximately 0117 hours, I contacted Officer Matthew Huot in room [redacted] who was sequestered by Officer Wonneberger. Officer Huot had not been issued a Taser by RPDPS. All his equipment appeared functional. I checked his firearm, a Glock model 17 ser# BBDB071. I saw the firearm was clean and had 3 magazines. The magazine in the magwell had 17 rounds +1 chambered. Both spare magazines on his vest carrier had 17 rounds each.

On 05-17-2017, at about 0830 hours, I responded to the Coroner`s Office to attend the autopsy of Christopher Branch. Present for the autopsy was the Pathologist Dr. Josselson, Forensic Assistant Celia Castaneda, and myself. In the viewing room was VCI Detective J. Hanshew, District Attorney Tashawn Sanders, and DA Investigator Denise Urton. I took overall photographs of the autopsy and downloaded them to a CD as evidence item #TDN1. The court ordered the autopsy be video and audio recorded, which I did. I submitted a thumb drive of the video/audio as evidence item #TDN2.

I collected the following items at the time of the autopsy**********

#TN1 Coroner Lock / Seal #21930, at 0855 hours
#TN2 Medical waste, at 0903 hours
#TN3 Medical waste, at 0910 hours
#TN4 Handcuffs from decedent`s wrists, at 0920 hours
#TN5 paper stuck on decedent`s buttocks, at 0928 hours
#TN6 I collected fingernail scrapings from decedent`s hands, at 0944 hours
#TN7 I collected medical waste / capsule from the bottom of the body bag at 1113 hours

All items of evidence were packaged, labeled, and sealed. I submitted all items of evidence to Property / Evidence. Nothing further at this time.

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Supplement Information

Supplement Date	Supplement Type	Supplement Officer
05/18/2017 11:58:40	EVIDENCE	(SD1840) PARLATO, MATTHEW A
Contact Name		Supervising Officer
		(SD1112) EATON, VANCE

2573

Supplement Narrative

On 5/12/17, at 1743 hours, I was contacted by CSI Sergeant Eaton advising of a call out for a critical incident in the City of Rohnert Park involving and in custody death.

I arrived at the Sonoma County Sheriff's Main Office at 1824 hours, and met with VCI Sergeant McAlvain. Sergeant McAlvain advised that a briefing on the critical incident would be held at the office of Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety (RPDPS) at approximately 1900 hours. Detective J. Hanshew was the lead detective for VCI and Detective T. Newton was the lead detective for CSI.

I arrived at RPDPS at 1921 hours, and the critical incident briefing started shortly after. RPDPS Sergeant Jeff Justice led the briefing and advised at approximately 1515 hours, on 5/12/17, RPDPS was dispatched to a check the welfare at 6298 Redwood Drive in Rohnert Park. The check the welfare was for a man, later identified as Branch Roth (12/16/75), who was in Room [redacted] of the Budget Inn. During the contact an altercation occurred between Roth and the responding officers as they attempted to take Roth into custody. During the altercation emergency medical services were called for Roth. Roth was later pronounced deceased at the scene.

The briefing concluded at approximately 2017 hours, and I responded to the Budget Inn. At the Budget Inn I met with CSI Detectives Newton and Fong and VCI Detectives Hanshew and Toney. Detective Hanshew stated the scene was being secured by RPDPS Officers and that no scene walk through would be conducted at this time. I cleared the scene at 2035 hours.

I arrived at the Doubletree Hotel at 2045 hours. I assisted Detectives Newton and Baraz with setting up audio/visual equipment in rooms [redacted] and [redacted]

I arrived back at the Budget Inn at 2340 hours. At 2350 hours, Detective Toney advised Detective Fong and me the search warrant had been signed for Room [redacted] of the Budget Inn. At 2355 hours, I signed in on the crime scene log.

While at the scene I assisted Detective Fong with marking evidence and setting up the Faro 360 to scan the crime scene. After the scene was scanned I assisted Detective Fong by scribing the information he needed for his reporting. I also assisted Deputy Fong with the collection of evidence and searching of the scene. I wore latex gloves during this process to reduce the possibility of contamination.

At 0250 hours, the crime scene was taken down at the direction of Sergeant Eaton. I signed out of the crime scene log at the same time.